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HON. JOHN HILL.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the subject of this review,—a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being as an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. True his were "massive deeds and great" in one sense, and yet his entire accomplishment but represented the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which was his, and of the directing of his efforts along those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination led the way. There was in Mr. Hill a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commanded the respect of all. He carved his name deeply on the records of the state and nation and in some of the most trying hours of his country's history he proved a safe and wise counselor, whose comprehensive understanding of the national situation led him to support measures which time has proven to be of great benefit to the Union.

John Hill was born in Catskill, New York, on the 10th of June, 1821, and was a son of Hiland and Mary (Butler) Hill. His father was for nearly half a century identified with the Catskill National Bank, of that place, and for many years held the position of cashier. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age. They had four sons and three daughters, and one of the sons, Henry Hill, succeeded his father as cashier in the Catskill Bank. Another son, Frederick, was for sixty-three years identified with, and served as cashier of, the Farmers' National Bank of Catskill. He is still living, 1898, at the venerable age of eighty-seven. He also served as county treasurer of Greene county, New York, for over sixty years.

In the schools of his native town John Hill acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by study in private schools. At an early

age he secured a clerkship in the bank in which his father was cashier, acting as bookkeeper for his father until twenty years of age, when he came to Boonton, Morris county, and entered the employ of the New Jersey Iron Company in the capacity of bookkeeper and paymaster. He soon became familiar with the business of the house and for some years was connected therewith in the capacity of manager. Subsequently he engaged in general merchandising in connection with Mr. Voorhees, was afterward a partner of Mr. Penfield and still later of William G. Lathrop, under the firm name of John Hill & Company, continuing in that business until the Boonton Iron Works ceased operation in 1876.

In the meantime Mr. Hill had come prominently before the public notice in an official capacity. In 1852 he was elected one of the township committee, and again in 1856 and 1863 was chosen for that position. He was postmaster of Boonton from 1849 until 1853, and was elected justice of the peace in 1856, serving five years. At the outbreak of the Civil war he became a stanch advocate of the Union cause and his patriotic addresses had marked influence on the public and occasioned many young men to enlist in the northern army. He took a deep personal interest in these "boys in blue," frequently visited them at the front and ministered to their comfort in all possible ways. It was largely due to his efforts in securing enlistments that no draft was ever made in Pequannock. In 1861 and 1862 he was elected to the state legislature and was made a member of the committee that received Lincoln when he visited Trenton on his way to Washington to be inaugurated president of the United States. In 1865 he was again chosen to represent his district in the general assembly and in 1866 was chosen speaker of the house. In 1866 he was elected to congress from the fourth New Jersey district, serving from 1867 until 1869. His opponent was Jack Rogers, and he was the first Republican ever elected in the district, which was considered a Democratic stronghold. On the close of his first term he was re-elected, and for a third time was chosen for that office, in 1871 making the memorable canvass which resulted in the defeat of Philip Refferty. Accompanied by a brass band he went from place to place, and his stirring addresses on the issues of the day will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear him. In 1880 he was once more chosen to represent the fourth New Jersey district in the council chambers of the nation and served from 1881 until 1883. It was his ambition and desire to become governor of the state and few men of his party ever had a stronger support than he; but owing to his declining health he was dissuaded by his medical advisers from making the canvass. While in congress he served on the committee on post-offices and post roads and was the father of the popular postal card; also was instrumental in abolishing the then pernicious

franking privilege. In 1874 he was elected state senator, being thought the only Republican who could carry the county at that time, when the Democratic sentiment was very strong. During his fourth term in congress he was mainly instrumental in securing the reduction of letter postage from three cents to two. He was an enthusiastic advocate of protection to American industries, and in support of his belief, as in all other matters, he was an indefatigable worker. He was always zealous in support of the measures intended to better the condition of the working men and the poor in general, and in all things he put the national welfare before partisanship and the general good before self-aggrandizement. Firm in support of his conviction, no one was ever in doubt as to his position relating to any question; and the sobriquet of "Honest John Hill" was not misapplied. Perhaps he did not displace the brilliance of some who have served in congress, yet he possessed true statesmanlike abilities and was a forceful, logical and convincing speaker who held the attention of the house throughout an address.

Mr. Hill was married September 27, 1853, to Phœbe J. Carman, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Miller) Carman, of New York city. She shared in the high regard so uniformly given her honored husband and throughout Morris county she has many warm friends. Mr. Hill was a prominent and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and a very zealous worker in the Sunday-school. The last public act of his life was the delivery of a very impressive address before the Presbyterian general assembly in Saratoga, New York. He was one of the delegates to the Raikes Centennial (Sunday-school) held in London a few years ago, and after his return delivered a number of very interesting addresses on subjects discussed in that convention; for thirty-nine years he served as elder in his home church; at the time of his death was president of the Morris County Bible Society; and was also prominent in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and usually attended its state and national conferences.

In summing up his life work we note several very strong points in his character. He was a student of national issues and his strong mentality well fitted him for leadership, but while others might have used their influence and power for selfish purposes, in his public acts he was at all times governed by a loyal and patriotic purpose that knew no wavering. He left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation of his time, the usefulness and wisdom of which the passing years have shown. Nor was he content with those labors which were of a general character merely; he was a man of keen sympathy and came into close touch with humanity through his labors in the church and different church organizations. He believed thoroughly in that practical religion which extends a helping hand to the needy, is sympathetic with the distressed and at all times inspires hope and

confidence in better days to come. Such was the life of one of the most honored and prominent citizens that Morris county has produced, and his name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of its history.

JACOB Z. BUDD.

Jacob Z. Budd, who follows farming in Pequannock township, is one of the leading and influential citizens of his section of the county, and his worth and ability have not only won him a place among the leading agriculturists, but have also gained him political prominence. He was born in what is now Hudson county, New Jersey, on the 3d of February, 1823, being a son of Aaron and Mary (Zabriskie) Budd, who also were natives of the same county. His father was born in 1797, and removed to Morris county, on the 31st of March, 1836, locating in Pequannock township, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring January 6, 1859. His first wife, who was born in 1800, died in Hudson (then Bergen) county, New Jersey, April 29, 1829, and he afterward married Mrs. Fannie (Tuers) Harris, who died in Morris county, in 1879. Mr. Budd was one of the leading farmers in this section of the state and owned and operated large tracts of land. By his first wife he had three children: Jacob Z.; Joanna, who married James Crane, and after his death became the wife of James L. Tower; and Aaron, who died in 1854. By the second marriage there were two children: Richard T., a farmer of Pequannock township; and Matilda, who died in 1855.

Mr. Budd, whose name introduces this review, came to Morris county when thirteen years of age and his youth was largely passed in assisting his father in the labors of the farm. In 1857 he began to deal in furs and in the interest of his business traveled through northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, carrying on that enterprise for fifteen years, with fair success. He has also carried on farming the greater part of his life, and his place is always neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision and the enterprise with which he prosecutes his labors. For the past twenty years he has been agent for the Champion Harvesting Machine Company and adds not a little to his income in this way.

In his political views Mr. Budd is a stalwart Republican and is well informed on the issues of the day, giving them earnest attention, as every true American citizen should do. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth, have called him to various public offices the duties of which he has ever discharged with marked fidelity and trustworthiness. He served as a a member of the house of representatives in 1873–4 and was elected for four consecutive terms as a member of the board of county freeholders. He was

treasurer of the poor-house committee for two and a half years, was constable of Pequannock township for two years, was county coroner for three years and from 1875 until 1878 was collector.

In 1845 Mr. Budd was united in marriage to Miss Susan Dodd, daughter of John Dodd, and to them have been born two daughters: Marietta, who died May 5, 1863, at the age of seventeen years; and Elmyra, wife of Peter Vreeland, by whom she has three children: Susan B., Emma and Lillie May. Mr. Budd and his family hold membership in the Reformed church, of Pompton Plains, in which he is serving as deacon. Honorable in business, reliable in political office, faithful to all the duties of both public and private life, his record is unsullied and is well worthy a place in the history of Morris county.

MATTHIAS BURNET.

One of the well improved farms of Hanover township, located near Whippany, is the property of Mr. Burnet, who ranks among the leading agriculturists of the community. He is enterprising, progressive and practical, and his energetic efforts have transformed his place into a highly cultivated and valuable property which well indicates his careful supervision.

Mr. Burnet is descended from one of the oldest families of Morris county. The Burnets are of Norman origin, and emigrated from Yorkshire, England, to America, taking up their residence on Long Island. Aaron Burnet removed from Long Island to New York, thence to Burnet Station, now Madison, New Jersey, and spent his last days there, dying in 1755, at the advanced age of one hundred years. Matthias Burnet, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Whippany, and died October 17, 1783, at the age of sixty years. His son Matthias was born in Whippany in 1749, married Phœbe Brookfield, a daughter of Job Brookfield, and reared a large family, including Job Burnet, the father of our subject. He wedded Mary, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Osborn) Hedges.

Thus it will be seen that Mr. Burnet, of this review, represents a family whose ancestral connection with the history of Morris county covers a period of a century and a half. He was born and reared on the old home farm near Whippany and later learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until after the commencement of hostilities between the north and the south. Feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted, September 3, 1862, as a member of Company E, Twenty-seventh New Jersey Infantry, and served for nine months. He was assigned to the Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Burnside, and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg and a number of skirmishes in Kentucky. On the 25th of February, 1865, he was

drafted as a member of Company G, Fifteenth New Jersey Infantry, and the last engagement in which he participated was at Petersburg. At the close of the war he was mustered out, August 11, 1865, and returned to his home, since which time he has successfully carried on agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Burnet was married in 1874, to Miss Julia Ann Williams, a daughter of Robert Williams, a descendant of Captain Robert Troup. They have three children: Eleanor Troup, Sarah Louise and Marion Williams. Mr. Burnet votes with the Republican party and attends the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as trustee.

SAMUEL F. PIERSON.

A civil engineer of distinctive ability, Mr. Pierson is now practically living a retired life, in Morristown. He was born at Morris Plains, Hanover township, Morris county, September 20, 1823. His father, Ebenezer Pierson, was born at Morris Plains, October 3, 1787, and was a son of Samuel Pierson, Sr., whose birth occurred at the same place, in 1738. He served in the war of the Revolution, valiantly aiding the colonists in their struggle to secure independence from English rule. He married Rebecca Garragus, whose brother John was also one of the Revolutionary heroes and fought at the battle of Monmouth, where so many of the British died from sunstroke. He lived to over one hundred years of age, and his sword, which he carried at Monmouth, is now in possession of the Washington Park Association of Morristown, having been given them by the subject of this review. Samuel Pierson, the grandfather of our subject, had a family of six children, namely: Timothy, Stephen, Samuel, Ebenezer, Mary and Hulda. The father of this family died May 2, 1790, and the mother died on the 18th of November, 1838.

Ebenezer Pierson, father of our subject, served in the war of 1812 for a short period and was stationed at Sandy Hook. He was the owner of a large farm of three hundred acres, on the Mendham road, a part of which is now owned by James Pierson, who occupies the old homestead. Ebenezer Pierson was twice married. On the 22d of August, 1812, he wedded Miss Permelia Lindsley, and they had three children—Lettie, Julia and Elizabeth. He was again married, January 13, 1822, his second union being with Johanna Trowbridge, who was born October 8, 1797, a daughter of Austin Trowbridge, who was born April 19, 1767, and died June 7, 1845. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Freeman, was born May 18, 1775, and died April 25, 1845. Mr. Trowbridge was a farmer by occupation and was a well known citizen of the community in which he made his home. He was

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the owner of a clock which is now in possession of our subject, and, although more than a hundred years old, it is still in good running order. By the second marriage of Ebenezer Pierson were born five children, as follows: Samuel F.; Hannah, who married Charles M. Foster and is now living in Chicago, Illinois; Silas, deceased; George, who married Nancy Miller and moved to Chicago, where he died; and James, who wedded Catherine H. Halsey and is living in Morris township.

Samuel F. Pierson was only a year old when his father removed to Morris township, and there he grew to manhood, assisting in the labors of field and meadow and in the other duties of the farmstead. He began his education in the common schools and later entered a private school, conducted by Jacob Jenkins. There he remained for two years, completing a course in civil engineering. He found that occupation very congenial and has made it his life work. There are very few places in the county that have not been surveyed by him, and his files contain maps and plats covering nearly every part of this section of the state. He has made this a life study, and his work is very accurate and satisfactory.

Mr. Pierson is highly respected throughout the locality in which his entire life has been passed and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have frequently called upon him to fill local positions of honor and trust. From 1875 until 1885 he served as assessor of Morris township, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and promptness.

Mr. Pierson was married January 14, 1846, to Miss Mary J. Moore, who was born April 14, 1826, a daughter of Isaac B. and Elizabeth (Moore) Moore, who were natives of Somerset county, New Jersey, and belonged to old families of this state. To our subject and his wife have been born the following named children: Edna E., born March 25, 1847, now deceased; Ella A., who was born January 19, 1848, and is the wife of A. Layton Powelson, a resident of Brooklyn, New York; George A., born April 17, 1852, deceased; Mary Emma, who was born September 18, 1858, and is now the wife of George A. Mills, a resident of Morristown; Clara J., who was born September 3, 1857, and is the wife of Lewis M. Tuttle, a farmer of Morris township; Eugene, who was born July 6, 1859, and married Anna Sayer, their home being now in Morristown; Anna L., who was born October 12, 1864, and is the wife of Charles J. White; and Arthur S., who was born August 11, 1866, who married Anna Mason; he is also a civil engineer and has an office in Morristown, being the present city surveyor. For three generations the Pierson family has been connected with the Presbyterian church, and our subject is identified with that organization. His has been an upright, honorable, busy and useful life, and now in his declining years he is largely resting from the toil of former days.

WILLIAM L. McCORMACK.

A successful florist of Chatham, Mr. McCormack was born in Chatham township, Morris county, in March, 1867, and is a son of John and Bridget (Skelley) McCormack, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Emigrating to America in the '50s, they took up their residence in Morris county, where they spent their remaining days. They had a large family of children, as follows: Anna, John, Elizabeth, William L., Mary (deceased), Julia, Marcellus (also deceased), Theresa, Johanna, James and Thomas.

Under the parental roof Mr. McCormack was reared to manhood and in the public schools near his home acquired his education. Entering upon his business career, he served an apprenticeship under Mr. Littlejohn, a florist, and in 1890 purchased his present place in Chatham, where he has since carried on operations on his own account. His energy, well-directed efforts and capable management have brought to him success and he is now one of the prosperous florists of his section of the county, having ten thousand eight hundred square feet under glass. He raises every variety of rose, and his greenhouses are marvels of beauty. New York furnishes him an excellent market for his flowers and his sales are very extensive. He has made a close and careful study of rose-growing and understands all the needs and requirements of his flowers, so that his care of them is most conducive to the healthy growth and bearing.

Mr. McCormack is a member of the Madison Rose Growing Association and is one of the progressive men of the town. His political support has been given the Democracy previous to 1896, when, becoming convinced that the platform of the Republican party contained the measures most adapted to the welfare of the progress of the nation, he espoused its cause, and was made a member of the Republican executive committee. In the spring of 1897 he was elected a member of the first council of Chatham and his active support and co-operation are given to all measures for the public good. He holds membership in the Catholic church and is a liberal contributor to its support.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Mr. Brown, who is president of the common council of Boonton and who has also attained wide reputation as an accomplished and skilled funeral director, is a native of Pequannock township, Morris county, New Jersey, where he was born on December 5, 1856, the son of Peter H. and Sophia (Blauvelt) Brown. When three years old he was brought to Boonton by his parents and here attended the public schools until attaining the age of fourteen years, when he entered the butchering business in his father's shop,

remaining there for several years, and then removed to Newark, where he resided for eight years, engaged in the grocery business. Returning to Boonton he conducted a butcher-shop for three years, and from 1883 to 1897 he was engaged in the coal business, disposing of his interests in the same in order to establish himself as an undertaker, accomplishing that object on the 1st of April, 1897, since which time he has met with pronounced success in that line of enterprise.

Politically Mr. Brown is a stanch Republican, and he is now serving his third term as a member of the common council, of which he was elected president in 1896. For eight years he has been a member of the Republican executive committee, and he is a charter member of the Boonton fire department and served three years on the board of engineers. In his social affiliations he is associated with Pequannock Council, No. 1060, Royal Arcanum, and with the Masonic fraternity, in the latter of which he has attained to the exalted degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Boonton Chapter, No. 21.

On the 9th of November, 1880, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Dixon, a daughter of Josephus E. and Martha Dixon, of Boonton. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Peter H. Brown, superintendent of streets of Boonton, was born in Passaic county, New Jersey, on March 22, 1826, a son of Henry and Catherine (DeBow) Brown, both of whom are of Dutch ancestry and natives of Passaic county, the former having been a prominent farmer and a member of the West Milford Reformed church. His death occurred in 1830, and he was survived by his widow, who subsequently married a Mr. Frederick and died some years later. Ten children were born to them, of which the following record is given: John, deceased; Garrett, deceased; Hannah, now Mrs. Henry Conklin, of Passaic county; Catherine, who married Stephen Young, of Brooklyn; Jane, now Mrs. Stephen Ferris, of Hoboken; Sarah, married Gordon Richards, of Pompton; Charles, deceased; Rebecca, deceased; Margaret, who married Jacob DeBaun; Peter H., who was reared in Passaic county by his uncle.

Peter H. Brown was educated in the public schools of his native county and there learned the butcher trade, which he followed for many years. In 1851 he came to Morris county and located in Pompton Plains, whence he later removed to Boonton, having resided in the latter city for twenty-six years. He is a Republican in his political faith, has served as township committeeman and for the past twenty years he has been road supervisor of Boonton.

Mr. Brown was married in 1849 to Miss Sophia Blauvelt, a daughter of Joseph N. and Rachel Blauvelt, and of the six childreu born to them, three

survive, namely: John H., William and James, all of Boonton. Mrs. Brown died on the 13th of January, 1892, and on the 1st of February, 1893, Mr. Brown married her sister, Hannah A. Blauvelt. He is a member of the Reformed church and has served as a deacon in the same.

JOHN H. MILLEDGE.

Among the prominent and extensive agriculturists of Morris county is John H Milledge, who was born in Montville township on the 30th of May, 1838, his parents being Abraham and Hannah (Van Ness) Milledge. He obtained such an education as was afforded by the district schools of his day, and for four years subsequent to leaving the same he worked at the saddler's trade in Newark, eventually turning his attention to farming, in which line of industry he has since continued, meeting with that success which invariably accompanies intelligent application, perseverance and earnest endeavor.

Politically considered Mr. Milledge is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and he served for seventeen years as collector of Montville township, was a member of the town committee, for several years was commissioner of appeals, and for twenty years was school trustee. In 1893 he was elected a county freeholder, and is now serving his third term, being at the present time (1897) chairman of the finance committee. In his religious faith he is an adherent of the Dutch Reformed church at Pompton Plains.

In 1859 Mr. Milledge married Ruth Matilda Peer, who was a daughter of Thomas and Esther (Fredericks) Peer, of Morris county. She died on April 22, 1878, leaving three children: Fred W., who married Cora Vreeland, died at the age of twenty-seven years; Alice died at the age of twenty-three years; and Jesse B., who was born February 11, 1871, resides with his father. On September 27, 1880, Mr. Milledge contracted a second marriage, on this occasion being united to Rachel Stager, a daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Van Ness) Stager, of Essex county.

Abraham Milledge, the father of John H., was born in Montville township, on the 29th of December, 1806, and was a wheelwright and saddler by trade, but gave most of his time to farming. On September 29, 1831, he married Miss Hannah Van Ness, who was born August 11, 1807. He died January 1, 1888, in the faith of the Dutch Reformed church, and is survived by his wife, who is also an adherent of that church.

John Milledge, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Newfoundland, New Jersey, and came to Morris county when a young man, locating in what was then Pequannock township; here he married Miss Elizabeth Van Duyne. He was a tanner and currier, owned a tannery and manufactured shoes, besides which he carried on farming to a considerable

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extent. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church, and died in 1854, his wife having passed to her eternal rest in 1852. Five children were born to this couple, as follows: Thomas; Abraham; Sarah, who married George Cook; Nicholas; and Rachel, who became the wife of Isaac Van Duyne. None of the children survive.

Henry R. Van Ness, the maternal grandfather, was born on the 14th of August, 1768, and married Miss Mary Wandle, who was born September 6, 1781. He died June 27, 1833, survived by his wife until February 27, 1848, when she also passed away. Their children were as follows: Hester, Catherine, Mary, Ralph H., Hannah, Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, Rachel, Daniel H., Borgeio and John H., all of whom are deceased, with the exception of Hannah, the mother of our subject, and Elizabeth, who married Martin I. Cook, of Boonton, who was born December 30, 1813.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS MILLS.

The American progenitor of the Mills family was George Mills, who came from England in 1656 and settled on Long Island. His children were: Samuel, Zachariah, Nathaniel, Isaac, Jonathan and Samuel. Samuel married and had two sons, namely: Captain Timothy Mills, of Revolutionary fame, and Samuel Mills, both of whom eventually came to Morris county. Captain Timothy Mills was born in Suffolk county, Long Island, in 1718, and died at Morristown in 1803, aged eighty-five years. He was an official member of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown and was highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities. Nehemiah Mills, a son of Captain Timothy, was born in 1749 and died in 1812. He married Amy Hedges and they had the following children: Nathan, Mahlon, William, Stephen, Deborah and Hulda. Mahlon was born in Morris county, in 1797, married Harriet Loree, and these children were born to them: Amy Hedges, Sarah Jane, Sarah Loree, Harriet Maria and Nehemiah Mahlon.

Nehemiah Mahlon Mills, the father of our subject, was born in New York city on the 18th of April, 1829, and in 1854 was united in marriage to Miss Susan Slack, a native of Stanhope, New Jersey, where her birth occurred on the 28th of June, 1833. The issue of this union comprised the following: George Augustus, Frank Eugene, Fanny Jane, Mary Azubah, Harriet Eliza, Harvey Loree, Anna Elizabeth, Jane Louisa, Julia Amelia, John Mahlon and Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are faithful members of the Methodist church of Morristown and are among the oldest and most highly respected residents of the county.

George Augustus Mills was born in Morris county, New Jersey, on the 23d of January, 1856, and there acquired his literary education in the public

schools, after leaving which he learned the trade of carpenter and builder and has since continued in that line of enterprise. As a contractor and builder he has erected many of the handsome and artistically constructed houses for which Morristown is justly noted. In 1893 he built a well arranged and completely equipped steam planing-mill on Pine street, and has conducted the same with a high degree of success, manufacturing all kinds of cabinet work, sash, blinds, doors and moldings. As a business man Mr. Mills is energetic, enterprising and ambitious and richly merits the prosperity that has attended his efforts in the securing of a comfortable competency.

Politically Mr. Mills is an earnest advocate of Republican principles, and for the past twenty-five years he has been an active member and an ardent supporter of the fire department of Morristown, and for his valuable services rendered therein he has received the highest meed of praise from his fellow citizens.

In 1878 Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Mary Emma Pierson, a native of Morris county, and the following children were born to them: Arthur Pierson, Freddie T., Susie, Ethel Louisa, Raymond and Celestine. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church and enjoy most pleasant social relations in their home city.

THOMAS SHEPPARD.

The proprietor of the leading harness shop in Chatham is Thomas Sheppard, who is a native of New York city, where he was born on the 26th of April, 1845, a son of John and Margaret (Wagner) Sheppard, both of whom were born in Bavaria, Germany, whence they came to the United States when young, becoming representatives of that sturdy and progressive type of German-Americans which has had so potent an influence upon the material prosperity of the republic. The father landed in New York in 1839, and shortly afterward was married to Miss Wagner. He was an engineer by occupation and for a number of years ran the engine in the old Newark tannery. John Sheppard died in 1886, after a long and useful life, and he is survived by his wife and two sons, Valentine and Thomas. The grandfather of our subject was Nicholas Sheppard, who retained his residence in the Fatherland until his death.

Thomas Sheppard was less than one year of age when his parents removed to Newark, New Jersey, in the public schools of which city he received his educational discipline. He was eventually bound out to learn the harness-maker's trade, but before the completion of his term of service a higher duty devolved upon him and he enlisted for service in the war of the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company I, Thirty-third New Jersey

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Infantry, which at once went forward to Virginia, being assigned to the Eleventh Army Corps, under General Howard. Later, by consolidation, the regiment became a part of the Twentieth Army Corps, serving under General Hooker and finally being sent west with General Sherman. Mr. Sheppard participated with his regiment in the battles of Knoxville and Atlanta, besides doing skirmish duty. After serving for more than two years Mr. Sheppard was mustered out, in 1865, at Newark, and thereafter went to Connecticut, where he engaged in business for a brief interval and then returned to Newark. In this city he worked as a journeyman harness-maker until 1873, when he removed to Spread Eagle, Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1876, when he went to Philadelphia and took charge of the harness department of the stables of the Centennial hotel. He eventually returned to Newark, whence he came to Chatham, where he opened a shop and where he has built up a large and lucrative business. He carries a complete line of horse-furnishing goods and also has a general repair department. His success is the logical result of his energy, industry, integrity and honorable business methods.

Mr. Sheppard is of an inventive turn of mind, and he has devised a chest-protector for men, the same being in the form of a shirt-front, to which is attached collar, necktie and cuffs. He is now introducing this article on the market and there is every indication that it will meet with a ready demand.

Socially Mr. Sheppard is a member of U. S. Grant Post, No. 117, Grand Army of the Republic. He is a genial gentleman and enjoys a distinctive popularity in the community.

JOHN D. SMITH.

There is perhaps no one in Jefferson township more prominent in local political affairs than this gentleman, whose influence has been a leading factor in a number of campaigns. His well-known devotion to the welfare of the county has won him many supporters, and he has been honored with public office, wherein he has won the approval and commendation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. He is accounted one of the valued citizens of the community, and with pleasure we present the record of his life to our readers.

His grandfather, David Smith, was born in Rockaway township in 1791, was a forge workman, and died in 1888. He married a Miss Shawger, by whom he had the following children: David, Stephen, Joseph, Levi, William, and Mary, who became the wife of Abram Kerns. Joseph Smith

was the father of our subject, and his birth occurred in Jefferson township in 1820. He was a well known forgeman, and for many years was in the employ of Pardee & Company at Nolan's Point. He led a quiet and unassuming, but useful and honorable life, and died in 1871. His wife bore the maiden name of Sallie Serch, and their children were Ellen, wife of Peter O'Brien; Susan, Hester, Theodore and David, all deceased; Laura, wife of Aaron Mabey; Lizzie, wife of Arthur Mitchell; John D., and Ruth, wife of Joseph Parliment.

John D. Smith was born at Milton, Jefferson township, Morris county, April 15, 1859, and upon entering his 'teens he quit the irksome task of trying to acquire an education in the district school, as it was then conducted at that place, and became a miner. He worked in the mines, mostly at Chester, until the gradual decrease in the price of ore rendered the further operation of the mines at that point unprofitable. Therefore he turned his attention to farming, which he has since followed, being one of the leading farmers of this part of the state. He gives great attention to the rearing of Chester White and other fine breeds of hogs. He was married in November, 1880, to Maggie, daughter of Charles Berry, and three children—Joseph, John D. and Eva—now brighten the home with their presence.

As an advocate of the Democracy Mr. Smith first entered the political field, and his influence since that time has grown with each succeeding election, as he has shown his peculiar fitness for leadership in the affairs which concern the general welfare. In 1892 he was elected a member of the board of freeholders on the Democratic ticket, and in 1894 was re-elected by a good majority in a Republican township. While serving his second term he saw fit to differ with some of his Democratic brethren on a matter of considerable moment, and at the next election he accepted the Republican nomination for the office of freeholder, and was elected by a majority of a hundred more than was given him as a Democratic candidate, a fact which shows that his personal popularity was increasing together with the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-townsmen. On the board he served with efficiency on the road committee, and his support of the McAdam road work of the county and his interests in behalf of the employment of home labor have made him hosts of friends and have caused him to be regarded as the proper person to aid in the management of the county's affairs at this time. On the reorganization of the board in 1897 he was delegated by the Republican members to take the initiative in arranging the best possible terms with the Democrats, and did his work in a manner perfectly satisfactorily to his party, at the same time preserving harmony in the board. He is now the oldest member of the board. For eight months, in 1896, he was a member of the board of state fish wardens, and thus became well known throughout the state. For the

present two-years term he is a member of the Republican county executive committee. His loyalty to the county's welfare is most marked, and his devotion to what he believes to be right is most commendable.

NATHAN ANTHONY.

The substantial and thorough-going farmer is the one who has the confidence and respect of all men. Not only with those of his own community, who know him well, but also with all with whom he meets, whether at home or abroad, is his honest, earnest, open, sincere life a sure passport. Among this class of worthy citizens in the vicinity of Middle Valley, New Jersey, is found the subject of this sketch, Nathan Anthony.

Mr. Anthony dates his birth in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, May 27, 1821. His boyhood days were not unlike those of other farmer boys, and his educational advantages were those afforded in the country schools. About the time of his marriage, which event occurred in the year 1844, he purchased the old Dufford homestead, his present farm, and here for more than half a century he has lived and prospered. His farm comprises one hundred and twenty-one acres and is well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Anthony's forefathers were likewise farmers. Jacob Anthony, his father, was born on Schooley's mountain, New Jersey, a son of Philip Anthony and his wife, whose maiden name was Moore. Philip Anthony and wife had a family of six children, two sons and four daughters.

Nathan Anthony was married, as above recorded, in 1844, the lady of his choice being Miss Annie F. Swackhamer, daughter of Jacob Swackhamer. For nearly half a century their lives were happily blended together, until December 24, 1891, when death called her to her last home. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character, greatly beloved by all who knew her. Of their family we record that George W., the eldest, is deceased; James is married to Fannie Huffman and has one son, James, Jr.; and Mary L., wife of John J. Swazey, resides at the Anthony homestead.

Mr. Anthony is a consistent member of the Lutheran church, as was also Mrs. Anthony. Politically, he is a Democrat. In early life he took an active interest in political matters and was one of the local lights of his party.

ANDREW W. AXFORD.

Among the representative citizens of Naughright, New Jersey, we direct attention to Andrew W. Axford, who has long been identified with the interests of this place—first as a blacksmith and later as a veterinary surgeon—and who now holds the office of freeholder of Washington township.

Mr. Axford is of English descent. His ancestors were among the primitive settlers of Oxford, Warren county, New Jersey. Robert Axford, his father, was for many years a merchant of Hackettstown, Warren county, New Jersey, and late in life retired to a farm in that county, where he spent his closing years and there died. He was born in 1800, son of John M. Axford, and his death occurred in 1873, and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane Wilson, and who was a daughter of Andrew Wilson, of New Stone, Hunterdon county, was born in 1809 and died in 1879. They were the parents of six children, three of whom survive, namely: Jacob, Robert and Andrew W.

Andrew W. Axford was born in Hackettstown, New Jersey, October 28, 1845, and grew to manhood near that village, having limited educational advantages. He learned the trade of blacksmith in his native town, and continued to reside there until 1868, when he came to Morris county. This place has been his home for thirty years. He followed the trade of blacksmith until fifteen years ago, when he turned his attention to veterinary practice, and has since devoted his time to it, enjoying a successful and increasing practice. He is a member of the Veterinary Medical Association, of New Jersey, being one of the trustees of the same.

Some five years ago Mr. Axford became interested and active in political matters, and was about that time honored with a place on the board of election. In the spring of 1896 he was elected freeholder of his township, the duties of which office he has performed with fidelity and efficiency. He is a Democrat, and is a partisan believer in the efficacy of the doctrines of modern Democracy. Other positions of preference occupied by Mr. Axford are those of chairman of the Washington township bridge committee, and member of the lunacy committee of the board of freeholders in 1897, and in 1898 of the macadam-road committee.

Mr. Axford was married in Morris county, New Jersey, August 27, 1870, to Catherine Slater, daughter of John Slater, of Naughright, and their only child is William Homer, a junior in the University of Pennsylvania, preparing for the medical profession.

Fraternally, Mr. Axford is a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. In the local lodge of the latter he is master of finance.

ABRAM B. BOCKOVEN.

Among the wealthy and influential farmers of Passaic township, Morris county, New Jersey, is found the gentleman to a review of whose life we now invite attention,—Abram B. Bockoven.

Mr. Bockoven is a descendant of George Bockoven, who came from

A. B. Bockoven

Germany, his native land, to this country at an early day and settled in Morris township, Morris county, New Jersey, where he married and reared a family that took first place among the most prominent and active citizens of the county. His children, in order of birth, were George, Lizzie, Abram, Phœbe, John, and Polly. Of these, George was the father of our subject. George Bockoven married for his first wife Miss Mary Smith, and located near the old Bockoven homestead, on the Morristown road. This union resulted in the birth of four children, Amos, John, Anna and James. Some time after the death of their mother he wedded Miss Margaret Smith, who bore him twelve children, viz.: Mary, Nancy, Phœbe, George and Margaret, twins, Abram B. and Lemuel, twins, Gestus, Surah, Gertrude Smith, Jane and Adelia. Of this large progeny only two are now living,—Mrs. Jane Irving, wife of Peter Irving, of Morristown, New Jersey, and Abram B., whose name graces this article. The mother of the last named children died some years ago, and the father passed away in 1874, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Abram B. Bockoven dates his birth April 15, 1822. He grew up on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools of that day and place, and had nothing unusual to mark his boyhood as different from that of other farmer boys. When he attained manhood he engaged in the occupation in which his father and grandfather before him had passed their lives, and as a farmer he has met with a fair degree of success, maintaining a position as one of the leading and influential agriculturists of his locality. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and has been a man of vigorous constitution. He recalls with satisfaction that in his prime he could cut in a day nine hundred sheaves of rye with his cradle,—a task that would baffle the average farmer of later years.

Mr. Bockoven was married in 1843 to Miss Nancy DeCoster, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Rickey) DeCoster, the DeCosters having long resided in this part of the state. Joseph DeCoster came to New Jersey from Santa Cruz. He died in Summit county, New Jersey, in 1864, at the age of seventy years, and his wife died in 1866, at the age of sixty-six. Their eight children were as follows: Mary E., Nancy, John, Samuel, William, Cornelius, Surah and Margaret. All are living except John and William, and Surah, who became the wife of John J. Allen, of Basking Ridge, and who died in 1898. All the family are residents of New Jersey. Mrs. Bockoven was born February 21, 1823, and became the mother of four children, namely: Joseph, a farmer, born August 21, 1843, married Miss Phœbe Mills, and has one son, George, born August 4, 1878; Lemuel, born October 22, 1844, died at the age of three years; Surah J., who married Charles Pruden, a farmer of Mendham township, has four children, Oscar, John, Lottie

and Louise; and George, born January 19, 1854, is unmarried and resides at the old homestead, where he is engaged in farming.

Both father and sons are Democratic in their political faith and are active in their support of public enterprises. Religiously, the family are Presbyterians, identified with the church of this denomination at Basking Ridge.

JOHN V. WISE.

This citizen of Morristown was born in German Valley, Morris county, March 23, 1848, and is a son of John H. and Margaret (Wise) Wise, both of whom were natives of Washington township, Morris county. The father, who was born in 1810, died in German Valley, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a son of Andrew Wise, one of the pioneers of that place. By trade he was a tanner and followed that pursuit up to the time of the Civil war, when he turned his attention to farming. He was a successful business man and accumulated a handsome property. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party, but he never aspired to political office. He was esteemed and respected by a wide circle of acquaintances, and was one of the prominent citizens of German Valley. His widow still survives, being in her ninety-fifth year, and is still well preserved.

John V. Wise was reared in the place of his nativity, and acquired his early educational privileges there. He was afterward a student in Chester Institute and then completed a business course in Eastman's National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. His business career began as a merchant and farmer, and to these pursuits he continued to devote his energies until the fall of 1886, when he removed from German Valley to Morristown, where he has since resided and where he purchased the business of George A. Aber, the leading auction business house in Morristown. He formed a partnership with his father-in-law, Joseph Van Dyke, under the firm name of Van Dyke & Wise, and has since engaged in the real-estate and insurance business and in dealing in second-hand goods. In this line they have met with a gratifying measure of success. Mr. Wise is also a member of the firm of Foster & Wise, street sprinklers.

In 1876–7 Mr. Wise spent six months in Iowa, going there to examine lands—in four different counties—belonging to his father, which had been bought when Iowa was a territory. After his return from the west he taught school.

In the presidential campaign of 1896 he bore a conspicuous part in advocacy of Democracy and was an active and firm supporter of the free-silver plank of the platform. For three years, while residing at German Valley, he served as clerk of Washington township, and in 1886 was elected

a member of the Morris county board of chosen freeholders. He is now chairman of the county election board.

In 1878 Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Ellen H. Van Dyke, and they have five children. Her father, Joseph Van Dyke, is the veteran auctioneer of northern New Jersey. He was born in Somerset county, March 26, 1834, a son of John and Margaret (Cunningham) Van Dyke, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, New Jersey. The former was a son of James Van Dyke, also a native of the same county.

Joseph Van Dyke, who was the youngest of a family of six children, was reared to manhood in the county of his nativity, and gained a common-school education. His father died when he was a lad, and he began the battle of life for himself when only ten years of age. For four years he worked on a farm, and then followed shoemaking for two years, after which he was employed at carpentering for a short period. Through the succeeding eight years he was in the butchering business. In 1862 he removed to German Valley, Morris county, and in 1864 established a stage line between that place and Highbridge, conducting the same for two years, when he sold out. He next turned his attention to railroading for the New Jersey Central Railroad Company, and later engaged in the machine business. Since 1879 he has been a resident of Morristown, and on his arrival here he accepted a position with the Voorhees Brothers, hardware dealers, having charge of the machinery department in their establishment until 1892, when he resigned his position. In 1886 he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, under the firm name of Van Dyke & Wise, and operations were begun as dealers in real estate, insurance and second-hand goods. They have been quite successful in this venture, their business bringing to them good financial returns. In his early manhood Mr. Van Dyke began auctioneering, and from that time until the present has continued in the business. He has cried sales throughout Morris and surrounding counties, and is said to be the oldest auctioneer in northern New Jersey.

Mr. Van Dyke has always been a stanch Democrat, and has been honored with local office. He served for five years as justice of the peace, and in 1895 was elected a member of the county board of chosen freeholders. In 1860 he married Lydia Hoffman, and his children number four. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WILLIAM E. YOUNG.

A representative citizen and successful business man of Chester, Mr. Young was born in the village which is now his home, January 12, 1852, and is a son of Robert E. Young, deceased, whose birth occurred August 5, 1830.

The grandfather was Elias B. Young, who died during the infancy of his son Robert, so that we have no authentic history concerning the origin of the family.

Robert E. Young learned the blacksmith's trade, under the direction of Bryant Stout, of Chester, and followed that pursuit here until 1853, when he removed to Ohio, locating in Cleveland. He remained in that city only two years and then went to the south, taking up his abode in Columbia, South Carolina, where he continued throughout the period of the Civil war. He then returned with his family to Chester, where his death occurred in the latter part of February, 1888. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Smith and was a daughter of David Smith. She still survives her husband. This worthy couple were the parents of seven children, namely: William E., of this sketch; Rosetta, wife of John Riggott, of Rockaway, New Jersey; Robert E., of Boonton, who wedded Margaret Anderson; Mary L., who died in youth; Sarah Ann, wife of Dell Benjamin, of Hoboken, New Jersey; Douglas, of Boonton, who married Lydia Skellenger; and Lafayette S., of Washington, New Jersey, who married Anna Arndt.

William E. Young acquired a fair knowledge of the King's English in the common schools, which he attended until sixteen years of age, when he began life for himself as a farm hand, serving in that capacity for two years. He was then employed as a stationary engineer at the mines of the Chester Iron Company for one year and spent the succeeding year in Newark in a milk store. On leaving that position he returned to Chester, where he was employed for one year in carting iron ore for the Chester Iron Company, after which he was placed in charge of the hoisting engine and performed his duties to the company in that connection until the financial panic of 1873, when work was suspended by the company and he was forced to seek other employment. He then turned his attention to blacksmithing and spent three years in business with his father at Ralston, during which time he completely mastered the business. He next opened a shop at Chester Cross Roads, where he carried on business for three years, when he entered the employ of the Cooper Iron Mining Company, where he passed a similar period. In 1883 he located his shop in Chester, where he has since resided, and from the public he has received a liberal patronage.

Mr. Young has never been unmindful of the duties of citizenship, and is ever ready to promote any cause which tends to advance the general welfare. He has been identified with the town government of Chester, in the capacities of town clerk, town assessor, and town committeeman, resigning the last named office at the end of a year of service. He has served several terms on the board of registry and elections, and was endorsed by his party—the Democratic—for the office of county collector in 1897, but

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was defeated through an agreement entered into by a "tie board," to give the collectorship to the Republicans and some other office to the Democrats.

Mr. Young was married October 8, 1872, to Miss Lydia Jane, daughter of Andrew J. and Mary Etta (Patrey) Stout. Her father was born in Chester, October 30, 1827, and was a son of Thomas Bryant Stout, who was born October 14, 1785, while his death occurred July 14, 1861. He married Deborah Terry, who was born December 13, 1789, and died September 13, 1830. Andrew J. Stout was the seventh son and thirteenth child in his father's family, and the others who still survive are William N., of Henry, Illinois, and Julia H., who is living in Wyoming, that state. In his early life Andrew J. Stout was one of the leading and substantial citizens of Chester. He was very enterprising and successful in business, widely known throughout his section of the state as a leading auctioneer and popular citizen, winning the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He also conducted hotels at Flanders and Chester Cross Roads, and out of these various business enterprises made considerable money. His children were: Mrs. Young; Bryant, deceased; John P., of Chester; Peter S., deceased; and Andrew J., of Chester.

Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Young five children have been born as follows: Edward G., who was born February 18, 1874, and died in infancy; Charles D., born August 5, 1875; Mary R., born October 2, 1877; Ada S., born November 16, 1879; and Pierson C., born November 4, 1883. Mr. Young holds membership in two fraternities, the Odd Fellows and Masonic. He is a substantial, worthy citizen, true to all the duties of both public and private life.

ROSEVEAR BROTHERS & COMPANY.

William Rosevear, the father of the Rosevear Brothers, prominent business men of Morristown, was born in England and acquired his education in the schools of his native land. In 1868 he crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up his residence in Dover, Morris county, where he engaged in general merchandising. He afterward sold his store and removed to Pennsylvania, but after a short time came to Morristown, where he has since been associated with his sons in business as one of the stockholders in the firm of Rosevear Brothers & Company. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Burt, who was born in Cornwall, England, January 14, 1833, a daughter of Henry and Patience (Rodgers) Burt. To Mr. and Mrs. Rosevear were born six children: John H; Elizabeth A., who became the wife of William Letcher, and died in 1886, leaving five children,—William, Albert, Charles E., Edith Herbert and Annie R.; Charles R., who is identified with the firm

of Thurston & Braidich, of New York city; E. William; Phillipa J., wife of W. K. Muchmore, of Morristown; and L. Ellen, at home. The parents are both intelligent members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Morristown.

John H. Rosevear, the senior member of the firm of Rosevear Brothers & Company, came with his parents to America in 1868, and October 15, 1873, was married to Miss Eugenia Green, of Camden, Maine, daughter of Alexander Green, a native of Scotland. They now have two children,—Mary E. and John H.

E. William Rosevear, the younger brother, who is interested in the firm of Rosevear Brothers & Company, married Nellie L. Lloyd, of Port Oram, and they have one child, Morris. In his social relations, William Rosevear is a Mason and is held in high regard by his brethren of the fraternity. In his political predilections, John H. Rosevear is a Democrat, taking an active interest in politics, yet has never been an office-seeker. At the present time he is serving as president of the board of health of Morristown.

Both gentlemen occupy very prominent positions in business circles, and the industry they control is one of the most important in this section of the state. The welfare of a community depends upon its commercial activity, and such an establishment as the factory of Rosevear Brothers & Company not only redounds to the success of the stockholders but also contributes largely to the general good by furnishing employment to a large force of operatives. The brothers and their father are now associated in the manufacture of trousers and overalls, and their business is accounted one of the most important in the city. The firm was organized in 1887, and the old mill, enlarged and remodeled, constitutes the plant. They began operations with only six machines, but as their trade has increased they have been forced to constantly enlarge their facilities and are now running sixty machines and employing seventy-five operatives in the factory. They also employ four traveling salesmen and their goods are shipped throughout the New England and Middle states. Their capacity is three hundred dozen pair of overalls and trousers per week, and these find a ready market, owing to the excellent workmanship and the high reputation for reliability which the house sustains. No industrial concern in Morristown is of more benefit to the city, owing to the large force of men and women who are employed. Good wages are paid and the employees know that fidelity to duty not only wins the confidence of the firm but also means promotion as opportunity offers. A well-merited success has attended the enterprise from the beginning, and the members of the company are all men of good business ability, enterprise and keen discrimination, whose care and foresight in business have brought them prosperity. They are ever just and fair in their treatment of employees and have strict regard for the ethics of commercial life.

CHARLES A. MONKS.

An honored veteran of the Civil war, and a well known resident of Newfoundland, Morris county, Charles A. Monks was born in Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 3d of April, 1842. His grandfather, a native of England, founded the family on American soil, and, noting the growing oppression of the British government in their treatment of the colonies, he became imbued with the idea that America should be a free and independent nation, and when the war of the Revolution was inaugurated he valiantly aided in the struggle for liberty. This Revolutionary patriot had three sons: James, who located in the state of New York; John, who took up his residence at Monksville, New Jersey; and William, who became a resident of Passaic county. The father of our subject also bore the name of William, being so called in honor of his father. He was born in 1803, learned the blacksmith's trade and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. He wedded Miss Mary T. Fleming, daughter of James Fleming. Her death occurred in 1846, and Mr. Monks passed away in 1873. Their children were Sidney, who was killed in battle during the Civil war; James, also deceased, and Charles A.

In the common schools near his home Charles A. Monks acquired his education, and alternated his work at his books by his labor in the fields, thus aiding in the cultivation of the home farm. In his youth he learned something of mechanics as a practical machinist, but without completing the trade, having decided to become a house painter. He served an apprenticeship at the latter calling and was working along that line when the attack of the south upon the north aroused his patriotic nature and he offered his services to the government in protection of the Union, which his great-grandfather had helped to establish. He enlisted first at Paterson, in Johnson's company, but for some reason that command was not equipped and started to the front within a reasonable time, as he thought, and his impatience at the delay and anxiety to get into the field led Mr. Monks, together with six others from the same neighborhood, to desert the Johnson organization and enlist in Captain H. C. Bartlett's company of the Seventh New Jersey Volunteers. The command left Trenton for the field in the autumn of 1861 and took part in the Peninsular campaign, which continued until the spring of 1862. Company C participated in all the battles of the army of the Potomac from Bristow Station and Second Bull Run to Appomattox, except the battle of Antietam, and Mr. Monks was with his company in every engagement. On the expiration of his three-years term he re-enlisted as a veteran and served until the stars and stripes floated victoriously over the capital of the southern Confederacy.

In July, 1864, while endeavoring to escape capture, he was severely

wounded, but otherwise escaped uninjured and enjoyed good health during the greater part of his service, but only he and H. S. Condit, of the seven who enlisted at Caldwell, lived to see the surrender of Lee, the others having deserted or were wounded or killed. He entered the service as a private and left with the rank of first sergeant of his company, was always found at his post of duty and endured all the hardships and privations of war, with the exception of the horrors of a rebel prison, and to avoid that experience he resolved to ask no quarter of the enemy and either escape capture or die in the attempt. The Seventh New Jersey was one of the regiments that suffered great losses on the battle-field. It was well drilled, and made up of men of great courage and bravery, and at the battle of Chancellorsville it took five stands of colors, single-handed, and captured more prisoners than there were men in the regiment.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Monks turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed during the greater part of the time until 1893, when he engaged in the hotel business in Newfoundland. In the early '70s he went to Nebraska and saw much of the "wild west" that is now only a matter of history, owing to the rapid encroachments of civilization. In 1892 he crossed the continent to the Pacific coast, visiting Seattle, Tacoma and other cities, with some view of locating in that part of the country; but upon more mature consideration he decided to remain in New Jersey, and Morris county, therefore, still numbers him among her prominent, influential and representative business men.

In 1866 Mr. Monks was united in marriage to Miss Susan Bigelow, and to them have been born eight children: Luella, wife of William Bross; J. Elmer, who married Susie Litz; Mary E.; Annie; Milton, who was born June 28, 1877, and who died May 8, 1898; and Charles G., Lena and Etta, all at home. Mr. Monks has given his attention principally to the interests of his home and business, yet has never failed in the faithful performance of his duties of citizenship, and has capably served in the offices of coroner and constable of Passaic county. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and to every interest or measure which he believes will prove of public benefit he gives the same earnest service and loyal devotion that characterized his career when on southern battle-fields he followed the stars and stripes to victory.

GEORGE E. HALL.

A prominent plumber of Chatham, Mr. Hall is a native of Morris county, his birth having occurred a short distance from Morristown, on the 7th of December, 1855, his parents being Stephen G. and Sarah A. (Lish) Hall,

John R. Burr.

George E. Reed

both of whom were likewise born in Morris county. The grandfather, James Hall, was born in Orange county, New York, where he followed the vocation of a farmer until the early part of the nineteenth century, when he moved to Morris county and here resided until his death, at an advanced age, in 1878. He was of Dutch ancestry. He married Miss Elizabeth Arnold, also a native of Orange county, New York, and two children were born to them, namely: Stephen and William, the latter of whom is living in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. Stephen learned the carpenter trade and followed the same successfully at Morristown and vicinity during his life. He died in 1874, survived by his wife and the following children: James S., George E., Carrie L., Emma J., Laura A. and Etta.

George E. Hall was reared under the parental roof and received his literary education in the public schools of Morristown, after leaving which he came to Madison and served an apprenticeship in the plumbing trade. In 1890 he located at Chatham, where he opened a hardware and crockery store, in connection with a plumbing department.

In his social relations Mr. Hall is a popular member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Chatham. Politically, he is a firm advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party. He is an honorable, conscientious and industrious gentleman and richly deserves the high esteem and consideration in which he is held by his fellow men.

The marriage of Mr. Hall was solemnized in 1883, when he was united to Miss Emma Adeline Pierson, a native of Chatham and a daughter of Henry W. and Melissa (Ward) Pierson, representing one of the old families of Morris county, of which mention is made in another part of this work. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, namely: James E., Russell B., Nelson A. and Carrie L.

GEORGE E. REEVE.

This honored resident of Morristown is a descendent of one of the old families of the county, the members of which came to Morris county at an early date and were supposed to have originated from French stock. The father of G. E. Reeve, named Fenwick Nelson Reeve, was born July 24, 1827, and was a carpenter and builder, also carrying on farming to some extent. He married Miss Elizabeth Bonnell, a daughter of Henry C. Bonnell, whose ancestors came from New England and were originally of English extraction. He was born in Warren county, November 10, 1804, and came to Morris county at an early age. He married Miss Mary Dolan, who died July 3, 1882, aged eighty-four years; and Henry C. Bonnell died February 20, 1890.

Fenwick Taylor Reeve, the grandfather of G. E. Reeve, was born in Morris county, February 1, 1790, and followed farming. He married Miss Rachel Woodruff, and they became the parents of nine children, both parents living to the good old age of eighty-seven and eighty-five, respectively. By the union of F. N. Reeve and Elizabeth Bonnell were born eight children, as follows: Mary E.; Rachel A., who married Richard Tregise; David B.; George E.; William K.; Minnie, who married Lucius Barber; Lutie, who married Addis Ridner, and Grace.

Mr. G. E. Reeve, our subject, was born in Morris county, New Jersey, on the 25th of March, 1863, and spent his boyhood days on the farm and attended the district school, later taking up the carpenter's trade, with his father at Morristown, securing work as a journeyman. In 1889 he formed a partnership with John R. Burr, under the name of Reeve & Burr, doing all kinds of building and contracting in the building line. In the year 1895 the firm bought out the entire plant and factory of Greenwood & Hayo, and have since carried on all kinds of building mill work in addition to their already extensive business, making the largest and most complete establishment of its kind in the county. The most notable of their contracts were those for the New Jersey state hospital for the insane at Morris Plains, this state, built in 1896–8, and numerous palatial residences in and about Morristown.

Mr. Reeve was united in marriage with Miss Mary Brant, March 19, 1890. She is the daughter of William and Emma (Lindsley) Brant, both of Morristown, and she died the following November; and December 31, 1896, Mr. Reeve married Miss Emma A. Fraser, a daughter of Caldwell and Elize (Lawrence) Fraser, formerly of New York city. By the latter union there is one daughter, born November 14, 1897, and named Madeolin.

In his social relations Mr. Reeve is a member of the Masonic fraternity, connected with Cincinnati Lodge, No. 3, of Morristown, and he is also an active member of the volunteer fire department.

JOHN R. BURR.

One of the reliable business men of Morristown, engaged in contracting and building, was born in Morris county, on the 2d of August, 1861, a son of David A. and Jane E. (Chapman) Burr. Tradition says that the Burr family originated in Germany and was founded in America at an early day. The father of our subject was born in Morris county, in 1812, and was a son of David Burr, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania. David A. Burr was a blacksmith by trade and one of the worthy citizens of the community, honorable in his dealings and faithful to his duties in all the relations of life.

He served in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting, in 1861, in the Twenty-seventh Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, and re-enlisting in 1862, as a member of the Thirty-third New Jersey Infantry, serving with that command until the close of the war. His death occurred at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife, who was a daughter of John and Nancy (Cole) Chapman, passed away in 1876. They were the parents of seven children: James A., of Chester, New Jersey; Joseph E., of Succasunna; George B., of Dover; Charles Y., of Baker City, Oregon; Jennie, wife of William A. Daly, of Los Angeles, California; Fannie C., wife of Theodore P. Wagner, of Portland, Oregon; and John R.

The last named spent his youth in the country until seventeen years of age and then began learning the carpenter's trade with his brother, in Chester, New Jersey. For six years he remained at that place and then removed to Rockaway, New Jersey, where he continued to make his home until 1881, since which time he has been a resident of Morristown. Here he engaged in business as a journeyman for three years, then began contracting and building on his own account, and subsequently became a member of the firm of Reeve & Burr. These gentlemen enjoy a liberal share of the public patronage in their line, for their excellent workmanship, their promptness and their fidelity to the terms of a contract have secured them an excellent business which is constantly increasing in importance and volume. Many of the substantial structures of the city stand as monuments to their thrift, skill and handiwork.

Mr. Burr was married in Somerville, New Jersey, on the 3d of June, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Sallie O. Steele, daughter of Cornelius and Lydia A. (Bird) Steele. Their children are David A., Lydia A. and George F.

Mr. Burr has been a member of the board of fire wardens of Morristown for seven years and is a citizen who manifests a deep and active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community. He is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Cincinnati Lodge No. 3, at Morristown, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man of earnest purpose, upright principles and indefatigable energy, true to his duties in all the relations of life.

BARTHOLOMEW M. HOWLEY, M. D.

Dr. Howley, a successful medical practitioner of Morristown, was born in the city of Greenock, Scotland, June 15, 1871. His early mental training was acquired in the parochial schools of his native place, and he came to America at the age of fourteen years with his parents, James and Ellen

(Maxwell) Howley. His father was born near the town of Sligo, in the county of Sligo, Ireland, and his mother was a native of the city of Greenock, Scotland.

Upon coming to America James Howley settled in New York city, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away February 16, 1895. His faithful wife survives him, residing still in New York city. Dr. Howley read medicine in the office of Dr. T. W. Ring, of that city, for some time, after which he entered the New York University, in the class of 1891, and graduated in 1894. Next he entered the New York Lying-in Hospital, where he operated as an assistant for some time; then he became house surgeon at the St. Francis Hospital in New York city, where he practiced during the year 1895, and finally, in 1896, he came to Morristown, where he has begun a successful practice of his profession.

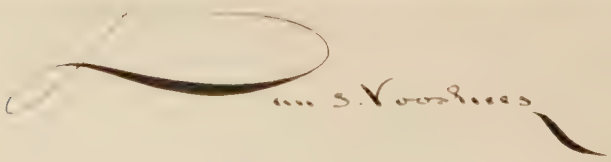
He is a member of the Morris County Medical Society. In religion he is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, holding his membership in the local Church of the Assumption at Morristown. He is also a member of the Washingtonian Council, of the Knights of Columbus and of St. Margaret's Council of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, both the last mentioned being at Morristown.

RICHARD H. STEPHENS.

A resident of Mount Olive, New Jersey, Mr. Stephens is one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of his township. A review of his life and ancestry gives the following facts.

The Stephens family in America was founded by Richard Stephens, who landed in this country previous to the Revolutionary war, and who was a valiant soldier in that war, serving with an official rank. He was the owner of three farms near Budd's Lake, New Jersey, one of which is the homestead owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch. Richard Stephens married Dorothy Landon and became the father of nine children, one of whom, Richard, born October 17, 1779, was the grandfather of Richard H. The second Richard Stephens was a militia captain during "training days" in New Jersey, and was, like his father, a worthy and honored citizen. He married Mary Bell, and died in the year 1820. The children of their union were as follows: George W.; John B.; and Mary, who married John Skinner and emigrated to Princeton, Illinois, where she died.

John B. Stephens, the father of Richard H., was ushered into life in 1810, lived to a good old age, and passed away in 1888. He was quiet and unassuming, without political ambition, and with a character in every way above reproach. A devoted and consistent Christian, he was a deacon of



the Baptist church and for fifty years its clerk. His wife was before her marriage Miss Permelia Drake, she being a daughter of Sylvanus Drake, and their only child is Richard H., whose name graces this article.

Richard H. Stephens was born May 12, 1844, at the old homestead which he now owns and where he has passed the whole of his life, devoting his energies to the pursuits common to his worthy ancestors.

Mr. Stephens has been connected with public matters in an official capacity almost continuously from his twenty-first birthday. He has filled every office in the township except that of freeholder; is the present town clerk, elected by fifty majority in a strong Democratic township; has been a member of the board of education for nearly thirty years and is now its president; and he was appointed postmaster upon the establishment of the Mount Olive post-office, his first commission having been issued by Postmaster-General Creswell, under General Grant's administration. His father before him was a Republican, and it is in the ranks of this party that he has been a worker, and from Republican hands that he has been shown preference. His ancestors were Whigs.

The religious faith of the Stephens family has been that of the Baptist church, and from this faith Richard H. Stephens has not departed. He has long been a prominent member of the church, and he is now serving as clerk and Sunday-school superintendent.

Mr. Stephens was married February 14, 1872, to Carrie Smith, daughter of Zachariah Smith, of Peapack. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Stevens. Mrs. Stephens is the youngest of the family, her brothers and sisters in order of birth being as follows: Joseph; Margaret, wife of Stephen Babbitt; Mollie, wife of Joseph Huffman, of Lebanon, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have two children,—John B. and Elizabeth.

DANIEL S. VOORHEES.

The efficient deputy county clerk of Morris county, and an able attorney at law of Morristown, Mr. Voorhees has attained a high place in the public regard, owing to his ability and fidelity in official service and his enterprise and reliability in the affairs of private life. He was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 15th of August, 1852, and is a son of Daniel S. and Mary L. (Doty) Voorhees. His father was born in Somerville, New Jersey, in 1808, followed the occupation of farming as a life work, and died in 1878. His wife passed away in 1894. Their children were William, of Dover; Tobias, a resident of Newark; Mary, wife of Seaman Williams, of Plainfield, New Jersey; Anna L., wife of William H. Williams, of Elizabeth; and Sarah, wife of William Vroom, also of Elizabeth.

Mr. Voorhees, of this sketch, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Elizabeth and acquired his education in the Morrow street school. He has also learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience and through reading and observation, and is to-day a well informed man on all matters of general interest. He entered upon his business career at the early age of fourteen years as a salesman in a hardware store of Elizabeth, being thus engaged for two and a half years. He then removed to Morristown, in the year 1870, and the following year accepted a clerical position in the office of Richard Speer, then county clerk. He was appointed to the position of deputy clerk in 1876 by William McCarty, and was reappointed by his successor, M. S. Condit, in 1878, and again by the same clerk in 1883. Five years later he was again chosen for the position of deputy by E. B. Mott, and was by him reappointed in 1893, so that he is the present incumbent. Thus for twenty-one consecutive years he has filled the office, discharging his duties with marked aptitude and faithfulness. He has the unqualified confidence of the public and fully merits the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

During the years of his public service Mr. Voorhees, by a systematic course of reading, has so familiarized himself with the statutes of the state that upon application and examination he was admitted to the bar on the 24th of February, 1896, and in April, of the same year, was appointed master in chancery.

Mr. Voorhees is one of the leaders of Republican thought and action in Morris county and has been a member of the executive committee of the county for many years. He is now secretary of the third-ward committee. He was very active in his championship of Hon. Mahlon Pitney for congress and was influential in a large degree in securing him the splendid pluralities which he received in 1894 and 1896. In 1898 he was elected county clerk of Morris county by a majority of one thousand and twenty-eight, running over two hundred ahead of his ticket and defeating James C. Porter, the Democratic nominee. He is an excellent organizer, who marshals the political forces with the precision of a general and at the same tfme with the persuasive force of a diplomat. He is certainly well fitted for leadership in the realms of politics and is accounted a most valued factor in Republican circles. For five years he acceptably served as clerk of his township. He does all in his power for the welfare and advancement of the community, and during his two terms as chief of the fire department of Morristown greatly improved the service by purchasing a new La France engine and a fire-patrol wagon and introducing the new Gamewell fire-alarm system. He has been a member of the board of fire wardens for nineteen years.

In his social connections Mr. Voorhees is an Odd Fellow and is also a

member of the Order of Red Men. On the 18th of January, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Frances L. White, a daughter of William White. They have a wide acquaintance in Morristown and the circle of their friends is constantly widening.

PHILIP JAQUI.

A prominent grain merchant and highly respected citizen of Morristown is Mr. Jaqui, who was born at Morris Plains, New Jersey, on the 11th of October, 1867, his parents being Frederick W. and Johannah S. (Link) Jaqui, both of whom were natives of Germany. Frederick W. Jaqui emigrated to America when a young man and located first in New York city, whence he moved to Livingston, New Jersey, and then, about the year 1863, he went to Morris Plains, Morris county, where he purchased a farm, subsequently selling the same to the state of New Jersey, and upon it is now situated the New Jersey State Hospital. In 1865 Mr. Jaqui became interested, with Mr. Johnson, in a flouring mill at Morris Plains, and later became sole proprietor of the plant, which he operated until 1888, when he was succeeded by his son, Philip, and his son-in-law, George Neff, the former of whom is now conducting the business. Upon his retirement from active life, the father of our subject removed to Morristown and there passed his remaining days, his death occurring in 1892, at the age of sixty-six years. His widow survives him and resides in this city, at this writing (1897) being in her seventy-first year. To Mr. and Mrs. Jaqui the following children were born: F. William, Eliza, Minnie, Hannah, Louise, Emma, Fredrica and Philip. Although the father came to this country a poor man, by thrift, industry and perseverance he acquired a comfortable competency and was regarded as an excellent business man, one of undoubted integrity and thoroughly honest and upright in all his dealings.

Philip Jaqui received his fundamental education in the public schools of Morris Plains and Morristown, and in Dr. Fitch's Normal School, at Norwalk, Connecticut, supplementing his literary studies by a course in Coleman's Business College, of Newark, New Jersey. His practical business career began in 1888, when the firm of Jaqui & Company succeeded to his father's milling interests at Morris Plains, and continued to operate the same until 1892, when Mr. Jaqui moved to Morristown and established the firm of Jaqui & Company, dealers in flour, feed and grain. His elevator has a capacity for one hundred and fifty cars; his business has gradually increased until it has assumed large proportions, and, like his father, he has given the strongest evidence of unusual business ability, which, combined with his energy and probity, has been the factor of his success.

Mr. Jaqui has never taken an active part in political affairs, although he is keenly alive to the welfare of the community and uses his right of elective franchise, and has never sought political preferment, rather choosing the career of a business man. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Cincinnati Lodge, No. 3, at Morristown.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. Jaqui, in which year he was united to Miss Catherine Gries, of Roseville, New Jersey.

TIMOTHY F. DRISCOLL.

As a young man of progressive ideas, enterprising spirit and laudable ambition, Mr. Driscoll is, accordingly, a valued addition to the business circles of Madison, where he is engaged in general merchandising. His birth occurred in this place on the 22d of May, 1866, his parents being William and Catherine Driscoll, both of whom were natives of county Clare, Ireland. Bidding adieu to friends and home, they crossed the ocean to America in 1863, taking up their residence in Madison. The father was a gardener by occupation and engaged in that line of business up to the time of his death, which occurred December 30, 1896. The mother is still living. In their family were the following named: Timothy F., William, Michael, Catherine, Thomas and Daniel.

In his youth Mr. Driscoll was surrounded by good home influences and was trained to habits which fitted him for life's duties. He was educated in St. Vincent's parochial school, where he was graduated in 1880, and on the completion of the course he entered the employ of Paulman Brothers, in the capacity of clerk, continuing in their service for twelve years. In this time he completely mastered the principles and practices of mercantile life, and on the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with John J. Flaugher, under the firm name of Driscoll & Flaugher, a connection that was continued for three years, when Mr. Driscoll bought out his partner's interest and has since been alone in business. He not alone carries a large, complete and well-assorted stock of general merchandise, but also deals in hay and grain. He has built up a good business and is a thoroughgoing, reliable business man, fully deserving of the liberal patronage he receives. He is also a director in the Central New Jersey Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Driscoll was married October 22, 1897, to Miss Susan C. O'Donnell, a native of Madison and a daughter of John O'Donnell. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Catholic Benevolent League and the Young Men's Catholic Club. He also belongs to Hose

Thomas Walley

Company No. 1, of the Madison fire department, and is a young man whose deep interest in the welfare of his town is manifest in the liberal support which he gives to all measures for the public good.

THOMAS MALLEY.

For many years Mr. Malley has been engaged in contracting and building in Morristown. He was born in Basking Ridge, Somerset county, New Jersey, August 26, 1852. His father, Peter Malley, a native of county Meath, Ireland, was born in 1827, and married Miss Mary Dolan, a native of county Kildare, same country. His death occurred October 12, 1892, but his widow is still living and makes her home in Morristown. They were the parents of the following named: Thomas, of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of William Mooney, Kate and Annie.

Thomas Malley acquired a fair education in the parochial schools of Morristown, and at the age of fifteen secured employment at Washington Headquarters, where he spent one season. He then began learning the mason's trade of the firm of Shauger & Merritt, and served a three-years apprenticeship, after which he worked as a journeyman. In 1879 he was appointed to the position on the police force, by Mayor H. W. Miller, and served in that capacity two years. He then resumed work at his trade, and in 1882 he entered into partnership with Thomas Dempsey and John Cooney, under the firm name of Malley, Dempsey & Cooney, mason builders of Morristown. Thoughout its existence the firm enjoyed a very liberal patronage and took the contracts for the erection of some of the best buildings of the city, including the McAlpin block, the Morris County Savings Bank, the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, St. Mary's school, the the Farrelly and Welsh store buildings, and the residences of George G. Kip, George S. Wylie, E. E. Goggenshall, Giles E. Taintor, Philip Livingston,—all of Morristown,—together with the beautiful homes of R. A. McCurdy, C. M. Marsh, R. A. Granniss and R. H. McCurdy, of Morris Plains. These are but some of the many excellent structures erected under the supervision of Thomas Malley, and they stand in unmistakable testimony of his superior skill and ability in the vocation which he has chosen as a life work. His labors have also been sought in Harrison, New York, Llewellyn Park and Summit, where he has done some very creditable work. In 1897 the partnership of Malley, Dempsey & Cooney was dissolved and our subject has since been alone in business.

When twenty-five years of age Mr. Malley was united in marriage, in Morristown, to Miss Margaret Maher, daughter of James and Mary (Hackett) Maher. Mr. Malley belongs to the Young Men's Catholic Association, the

Catholic Benevolent Legion, the Order of Red Men and the Knights of Honor, in all of which he is regarded as a very popular and valued member. He is also a member of the board of fire wardens.

He has taken an active part in political affairs in the town and county for the past twenty years, and is an earnest and loyal Republican. For six years he was a member of the common council of Morristown, during four years of the time was chairman of the committee on streets, and upon the resignation of Mayor Werts, who assumed the office of governor of New Jersey, Mr. Malley became the acting mayor by virtue of the position he held under the city government, and continued as chief executive of Morristown for a period of eight months, discharging the duties pertaining thereto with signal ability and to the entire satisfaction of the public. He was a member of the board of chosen freeholders from Morristown for two years, and took a prominent part in the general movement to procure macadamized roads. He is now holding the office of county superintendent of roads, and in this position, as in all others that he has been called upon to fill, he has discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and the community regards him as one of its most valued representatives.

STEPHEN H. CONDIT.

The subject of this sketch is one of the leading and wealthy agriculturists of Morris county, living at Troy Hills. He was born June 13, 1830, and is the eldest son of the late John O. Condit, who was born in Orange, New Jersey, in September, 1797, and came to what was then "Troy," in 1800, with his father, Stephen Condit. The latter, who died in 1816, married Polly Ogden, and their children were: Swain A., who spent his last years in Boonton, and left a son, Isaac; and John O., the father of our subject. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith, and they had a family of three sons and one daughter, as follows: S. Hobart; Benjamin Smith; Susan M., wife of Charles F. Ogden; and John H. The father of this family was a very prominent and influential citizen, held in the highest esteem throughout the community. He died in 1866 and his wife passed away in 1839.

Stephen Hobart Condit, of this review, has been one of the leading farmers of Hanover township for thirty years. His greatest successes were attained during the period of twenty-five years immediately succeeding the war of the Rebellion and placed him in a position of independence, financially, in which few farmers are found. He has a very pleasant home, presided over by the wife who for almost forty years has traveled life's journey

by his side. He was married December 29, 1860, to Miss Mary Josephine Ogden, daughter of Farrand and Hily A. (Mitchell) Ogden. The children of this union are: Elizabeth Smith, wife of Stephen H. Mitchell, by whom she has five children—Mabel J., Ruth, Irene, Hobart Condit and Susan Margaret; John O., deceased; Judd, who is living at home with his parents; and Harry Hobart, who married Julia A. Osborne and resides in Newark.

Mr. Condit is a recognized leader in matters pertaining to the welfare of his community, whether educational, political or religious, and his advice is sought and valued for its wisdom and sincerity. He is prominent in the ranks of the Republican party, but has persistently refused to become a candidate for public office. He holds membership in the Parsippany Presbyterian church, and is filling the office of church trustee and elder. His well spent life makes him one of the valued factors in the social, church and public life of the community.

BENJAMIN S. CONDIT.

Devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits at Troy Hills, Mr. Condit is a representative of one of the honored old families of Morris county. He was born February 15, 1832, on the old Condit homestead, now the property of his brother, John H. Condit, and is a son of John O. Condit. His childhood was passed in the neighborhood of his birthplace, and after attending the public schools he matriculated in Princeton College, where he pursued a thorough course of study and was graduated in the class of 1854. The first three years after his graduation he taught a select school in Troy Hills and was a very capable educator, but he preferred the independence and freedom of farm life to the confinement of the school-room, and accordingly has since devoted his energy and industry to the cultivation and improvement of his land, which constitutes one of the fine farms of Hanover township.

He is also deeply interested in all movements affecting the weal or woe of the county, and does all in his power to promote its interests. He is a man of firm convictions and decided opinions, founded on sound judgment, and is therefore a leader in public thought and is active in moulding public sentiment. His fidelity to the duties of citizenship makes him one of the substantial residents of his township, and in the history of his native county he well deserves honorable mention.

On the 29th of October, 1867, in Newark, was celebrated the marriage of Benjamin Smith Condit and Miss Sarah DeHart, a daughter of Charles and Sarah (Cobb) DeHart. They now have two children: Charles and Jeannette. The family is one of prominence in the community and in the Presbyterian church they hold membership.

JOHN H. CONDIT.

John H. Condit, of Troy Hills, fully sustains the high reputation which has always been maintained by his family during their long connection with Morris county and its interests. He is the youngest son of the late John O. Condit and was born on the 7th of November, 1835, spending the days of childhood and youth upon the farm which he now owns. During the winter season he attended the schools near by, and through the summer months he aided in the cultivation and improvement of his father's farm until he had attained an age sufficient to begin farming on his own account. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is a wide-awake, progressive farmer, but manages his interests after the most improved methods of modern farming.

On the 7th of November, 1869, Mr. Condit was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Bostedo, daughter of John M. and Sarah (Egbert) Bostedo. Their children are Howell and Bessie. Mr. Condit is one of the unswerving supporters of the Republican party in Hanover township, and has filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. Mrs. Condit is a member of the Presbyterian church at Parsippany, where the family attend worship.

EDGAR C. HOPPING.

The family of which this gentleman is a representative is one of the oldest in Morris county and was in all probability founded in America by John Hopping, who located at Elizabeth, New Jersey, where, as the records show, he took up a tract of land. He married Miss Mary Primrose and their children were: Ezekial, John, Samuel and Silas, all of whom were in the Continental army, as members of the Western Battalion of state troops.

John, a son of John and Mary (Primrose) Hopping, was the owner of extensive lands and was a prominent citizen of Afton, which was formerly called Hoppington. He married Miss Elizabeth Luker, and the following six children were born to them: Henry, Timothy, Charles, William, Samuel and Betsie, the last named of whom married a Mr. Thompkins and moved to Ohio. Henry married Miss Abigail Miller and reared these children: James, Luetta, Henry, George, David, Charles and Albert. The father followed farming as his occupation. Albert Hopping, who was the father of our subject, married Miss Mary Cory, and their issue comprised the following: Arthur A., Edgar C. and Frederick A. Mr. Hopping lived on the old homestead and took a prominent part in public affairs of a local nature. His death occurred in 1890 and he is survived by his wife.

Edgar L. Hopkins

Edgar C. Hopping, who is now in possession of the old farmstead, was born January 26, 1854, and received his literary education in the public schools of Afton. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade and followed the same for twenty years, and in 1888 he embarked in business as a florist, since which time he has built up the largest trade in Chatham township. He has commodious greenhouses, his entire plant consisting of fifty-five thousand square feet of glass, and he makes a specialty of all kinds of roses, which he disposes of at wholesale in New York city, where he has attained an enviable reputation as a grower of fine flowers.

May 23, 1876, Mr. Hopping was united in marriage to Miss Frances Hampson, a daughter of Francis and Josephine (Clark) Hampson, and a native of Paterson, New Jersey, and they have two children, E. Maud and Daisy F.

The subject of this review is a self-made man, progressive and enterprising in character, public-spirited in his aims and patriotic in disposition. Politically he is a stanch Democrat and served his township as collector from 1885 to 1890, rendering the highest degree of satisfaction in that responsible office. Mr. and Mrs. Hopping are popular in their neighborhood and enjoy the high esteem of all who know them.

WALTER A. YOUNG.

The ancestry of Mr. Young had its origin in Holland, whence members of the family emigrated at an early day to America, some of them locating in New Jersey, from which branch the subject of this mention is descended. Cornelius Young, the great-grandfather, was born in Pequannock township, Morris county, New Jersey, and married Miss Elizabeth Mandeville, a daughter of Anthony Mandeville, of Pompton Plains, later settling in Lower Montville and then in Newfoundland, where he died about the year 1830, being survived by his wife for several years. Their children were: Sarah, deceased, a missionary in the Presbyterian church; Lydia, the wife of Mark Sutton, of Elmira, New York; Margaret, now Mrs. Bowlsby, of Hanover township, Morris county; Elma, who married John Brown, of New York city; Henry settled in the west; Anthony, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Livingston township, Essex county, where he farmed for George G. Sickles for many years, married Miss Mary Norman, a daughter of David Norman, and subsequently moved to South Orange, where he died in 1862, his wife having passed away in 1856. Nine children were born to them, as follows: Susan, deceased, who married James R. Smith; Eleanor, deceased, became the wife of John A. Meeker; John W., the father of our subject; Alpheus, deceased, went to California in 1848 with a company of United

States troops and died there in 1893; Euphemia, deceased, married Aaron Ball; Nathan, deceased; William is a contractor in Illinois; Harrison, deceased; and Ezra, a contractor, living in Connecticut.

John W. Young was born at Oak Ridge, New Jersey, on the 29th of April, 1825, and moved to Essex county when eight years of age. He learned the shoe business, and for several years was engaged in the manufacture of footwear, after which he embarked in farming, and continued to make that vocation his life work. In his political belief he is a stanch Republican and has served as a member of the board of county freeholders, the town committee, and was deputy sheriff of Essex county. In 1846 he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Walker, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mehetable (Speer) Walker, of Caldwell, Essex county. She departed this life January 23, 1896, leaving three children, namely: Walter A.; Anna, who married George E. Townley, of Newark; and Edward M., of Morristown, New Jersey.

Walter A. Young was born in Livingston, Essex county, New Jersey, on the 24th of September, 1846, and acquired his literary education in the public schools of that place. He began his practical business career by learning the hatter's trade, and eventually engaged in the manufacture of hats, continuing in the same until 1884, when he settled on his present farm, in Lower Montville, and has since devoted his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with pronounced success. Politically Mr. Young is a warm adherent of the Republican party, and has served as county and township committeeman.

In 1870 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Blenkinsop, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Blenkinsop, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Young is a communicant in the Protestant Episcopal church, and both she and her husband enjoy the high esteem of a host of friends.

ELMER KING.

One of the younger members of the Morristown bar is Elmer King, who was born in Stanhope, Morris county, on the 4th of November, 1870, and is a son of Owen W. and Maria King, residents of Netcong. Both are natives of this county and belong to pioneer families of this region. The grandfather, Silas D. King, was born in Morris county and is descended from ancestors who came from county Cork, Ireland. He is an influential citizen and has been honored with a number of local offices, including that of county freeholder.

In the public schools of Netcong Elmer King acquired his preliminary education, which was supplemented by three years' study under the direction

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of a private tutor. Determining to devote his life to the legal profession, he entered upon the study of law in the office of Judge Williard W. Cutler, of Morristown, and at Trenton, in November, 1892, was admitted to the bar as an attorney, and in 1895 as counselor. From 1892 until 1897 he held the office of deputy surrogate, under Mr. Pierson. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen calling and although a young man has already attained an enviable position at the Morris county bar.

On the 5th of September, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. King and Miss Ellen Elizabeth, daughter of William H. and Addie (Losee) Stackhouse. They have a pleasant home in Netcong, near Lake Hopatcong, but Mr. King maintains his office in Morristown. He is a member of the Morris County Bar Association, the Commercial Bowling Club, of Morristown, and the Tapkaow Club, of the same city, and attends the Presbyterian church. He is very popular in all these organizations, and his cordiality, genial manner and genuine worth have gained him a large circle of friends.

REV. ELIAS O. VAN DUYNE.

One cannot study far into the history of this section of New Jersey without meeting the name of Van Duyne in prominent connection with many of the leading interests which have tended to develop and upbuild this section of the state. In colonial days the ancestors of our subject located in this part of New Jersey, and since that time their descendants have been important factors in various lines of life, leaving the impress of their individuality upon the growth and progress of the section.

Our subject was born in Montville township, Morris county, on the old Van Duyne homestead, his parents being Martin R. and Julia A. (Crane) Van Duyne. He spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and acquired his preliminary education in the schools of the neighborhood, while in the home he was drilled in those lessons of uprightness and honor which have influenced his entire career. In 1857 he started westward and located in Kentucky, where he remained until 1864, when he returned to his native county, locating in Boonton. Here he engaged in the manufacture of carriages and wagons until 1882, since which time he has devoted his life to the work of the ministry. During these years he had been a close student of the Bible and had decided to take up the work of the church. He began his preparation under the direction of the late Rev. J. Y. Debaun, who was a professor in Hackensack, New Jersey, and after remaining there for two years was licensed to preach, in 1884. Thereupon he accepted a call from the home-missionary department of the Christian

Reformed church, and continued in that line of labor until 1888, when he was ordained. Since that time he has devoted his efforts entirely to his chosen calling, and in the discharge of his duties has traveled extensively through various districts of New Jersey and New York. He is a man of much force of character, great energy and unabating zeal in his work, and has won the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

Rev. Elias O. Van Duyne was married in Passaic, New Jersey, March 4, 1854, to Miss Robina Simms, who was born June 13, 1836, a daughter of Hugh and Mary M. (McKachie) Simms, and they have had the following-named children: Sarah Elizabeth, born January 21, 1855, and died August 15, 1861; James L., born November 3, 1862, married Carrie A. Whitehead, and has one son, named Carrollton; Ellsworth, born April 23, 1865, married Elizabeth Morrison and has a daughter, Maud A.; Anna Lucy, born September 4, 1872, became the wife of Charles K. Gedney, by whom she has a son, named Raymond; and Mary Matilda, born July 11, 1877, is a graduate of the Boonton high school and is now at home with her parents.

In his religious work Mr. Van Duyne has accomplished great good, and his influence is widely felt. He is an earnest, forceful and convincing speaker, an excellent organizer and a man of character and broad humanitarian principles, and his labors are not only effective within his own church, but also command the respect of the people generally.

HORACE N. VAN DUYNE.

A well known farmer and miller of Boonton, Horace N. Van Duyne, was born in Montville township, Morris county, June 8, 1834, and is a representative of an old family of Holland that was founded in America at an early period in our colonial history. The first of whom we have authentic record is James Van Duyne, who with his parents emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland, a location being made on Long Island, where the city of Brooklyn now stands. He remained there until he had attained his majority, after which he came to New Jersey, locating in what is now Montville township, Morris county. Here he erected the house which is still standing and now occupied. Here were born his son Richard, and his son Martin, and his sons Elias O. and Horace N. James Van Duyne married, and his son Martin was the great-grandfather of our subject. Martin Van Duyne had three sons, William, Martin and Richard, the last named being the grandfather of our subject. He was a prominent farmer and a member of the Dutch Reformed church. He married Elizabeth Fredericks, and their children were Martin R.; Daniel, who married Phœbe Crane, of Caldwell, New Jersey; Sarah, wife

of Joseph Henion; Jane, wife of Nicholas Huyler, of Boonton; and Isaac, who married Rachel Milledge, and resided in this county.

Martin R. Van Duyne, the father of our subject, acquired a good practical education in his youth, and then learned the tanner and currier's trade, which he followed for a number of years. He also served as a member of the militia, and was a public-spirited citizen who did all in his power for the advancement and upbuilding of the community with which he was connected. After his marriage he located on the farm which is now the home of our subject, built a tannery and conducted the same for a number of years. He was a prominent and active member of the Dutch Reformed church, and his life, which was in harmony with the teachings of the church, won him the love and confidence of many friends. He married Julia A. Crane, a descendant of Jasper Crane, who emigrated from England and located in Branford, Connecticut. His wife was Alice, and their son Azariah married Rachel Lamson, and their son, also named Azariah, was a deacon in the church and married Mary Treat. One of the children of this marriage was Stephen Crane, and to him and his wife, Rhoda Crane, was born a son, Benjamin, who married Mehitable Dunning. In the family of this worthy couple was a son to whom they gave the name Benjamin and who wedded Eleanor Stiles. By this last marriage was born Julia Crane, the mother of our subject. Martin R. and Julia Van Duyne became the parents of nine children: Rev. Elias O., of Boonton; Horace N.; Sarah F., wife of George C. Freeman, of Orange, New Jersey; Elizabeth E., deceased wife of John Banta; Harriet J., wife of Isaac M. Williams, of Orange; Hettie M., wife of B. R. Hill, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Simeon, of Boonton; Lucy A., wife of A. G. Brown, of South Orange, New Jersey; and Lewis, who makes his home in Boonton. The father of these children spent his entire life in Morris county. Born in Montville township, November 27, 1804, he passed away February 7, 1878, at the age of seventy-four, and his wife died October 7, 1873.

Horace N. Van Duyne learned the trade of wheelwright and followed that pursuit for sixteen years in Boonton, and during that period he erected several business houses which he still owns. In 1872 he returned to the old homestead in order to care for his parents and relieve his father of the arduous duties of managing the property. He erected a steam gristmill, which he conducted for several years in connection with agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in bee culture and is the owner of a very fine apiary. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, sound judgment and keen foresight, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In connection with his other interests he is a stockholder in the Boonton National Bank, and is regarded as one of the most reliable and substantial business men in his section of the county.

On the 22d of May, 1858, Mr. Van Duyne was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Banta, who was born March 9, 1837, and is a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Low) Banta. Their union has been blessed with two children. The son, Freeman H., born June 18, 1861, wedded Mary L., daughter of Azariah Crane. The daughter, Hattie M., born January 19, 1865, is the wife of William J. Smith, and they have two children, Clifford F., born November 3, 1892; and Julia Catharine, born May 16, 1896.

In his political views Mr. Van Duyne is a Democrat and is well informed on the issues of the day and deeply interested in the success of his party, but has never sought or desired political office, preferring to devote his energies to his business, in which he is meeting with signal success. He holds membership in the Christian Reformed church, of Lower Montville, and is serving as one of its elders.

EUGENE S. BURKE.

A prominent factor in the business life of Morristown, Mr. Burke belongs to that class of progressive, enterprising citizens to whom is attributable the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of a community. His life has here been passed. He was born in Morristown, on the 21st of July, 1852, and is a son of Thomas W. and Mary Elizabeth (Cogan) Burke. His father first opened his eyes to the light of day at Rathfarnham, county Dublin, Ireland, December 23, 1810, and died in Morristown January 23, 1896. His mother was born in Leixlip, county Kildare, Ireland, October 26, 1818, and passed away on the 1st of June, 1895, at her home in this city. They were married on the Emerald isle and came to the United States in May, 1847, locating in Morristown. The father was a farmer by occupation and was a quiet, unassuming man of sterling worth. He gave his political support to the Democracy, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Catholic, holding membership in St. Mary's church, of Morristown.

Eugene S. Burke was the seventh in a family of eight children. He acquired his literary education in Morris Academy and completed a commercial course in Thompson's Business College in 1870. When his school days were ended he turned his attention to the work of the farm and followed agricultural pursuits for a time, after which he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the C. A. Nichols Company, publishers, of Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1882 he embarked in the coal business, in Morristown, as a member of the firm of Pruden & Burke, and has since carried on operations along that line. The patronage of the firm has constantly increased and the business is now large and profitable. In addition to this enterprise Mr. Burke is a director in several other business concerns, and his sound

judgment and keen discrimination make his connection with any industry a valuable one.

In 1886 Mr. Burke was married to Miss Margaret T. Daly, and four sons and two daughters have been born to them. The family are connected with the Roman Catholic church, and in his political affiliations Mr. Burke is a Democrat. From 1886 until 1894 he represented Morristown on the board of chosen freeholders, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. He is a man of strong determination and resolute purpose, and these elements have been essential factors in his business career.

ESLI B. DAWSON.

Recognized as a well-to-do merchant of Boonton and a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Dawson has been prominently identified with various important movements in his home city for several years. He was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 10th of November, 1844, and is a son of David and Julia (Norris) Dawson. The father also was a native of Somerset county, where his birth occurred in 1822, and after obtaining a common-school education he engaged in the undertaking business. He served in the war of the Rebellion as a sergeant of Company G, Twenty-seventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. In 1840 he married Miss Julia Norris, and they reared five children, namely: Margaret, now Mrs. William H. Nichols, of Hempstead, Long Island; Esli B., our subject; Luther, of Rushville, Illinois; Jane, who married Richard Garrabrant, of Somerville, New Jersey; and Mary, who became the wife of E. P. Smithyman, of Butler, New Jersey.

Esli B. Dawson came to Boonton with his parents in 1854, and attained his education in the public schools of this place. In 1862, at the age of seventeen years, he offered his services in defense of the Union and enlisted in Company G, Twenty-seventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and in 1863 re-enlisted in Company C, Thirty-third Regiment, New Jersey Zouaves. He participated in the battle of Lookout Mountain, marched with Sherman to the sea, was taken prisoner at Goldsboro, North Carolina, and confined in Libby prison, from which he was paroled on the day previous to that on which Grant entered Richmond. He was honorably discharged in 1865 and returned to Boonton, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, followed the same until 1871 and was then appointed postmaster of Boonton, to fill an unexpired term of one year, being afterward appointed for three consecutive terms, implying a total service of thirteen years. In 1873 he engaged in the hardware business and carried a larger stock of hardware than any other store of its kind in Morris county. He is also president of the Boonton

Lumber Company (incorporated), the largest business of its kind in the county.

A Republican in his political faith, Mr. Dawson is considered one of the party leaders in Morris county. In 1888 he was elected a member of the city council and served continuously in that body until 1897, when he declined re-election. He was largely instrumental in securing for Boonton its stone flagging, water-works, fire department and facilities, and electric lights, and he advocated and carried to a successful issue the bonding of the town for ten thousand dollars in order to erect the town hall, which is utilized by the common council, fire department, jail and offices connected with the city administration. In the second year of his service in the council he was elected president of that body and retained the position until his retirement. Mr. Dawson is one of the organizers of the Boonton Building and Loan Association and is a director and a member of the appraisement committee in the same. He is the worshipful master of Arcana Lodge, F. & A. M., and is also the organizer and leader in the Boonton Athletic Association. He has extensive real-estate interests in his home city.

Mr. Dawson was united in marriage in 1867 to Miss Mary E. Jacobus, a daughter of Nicholas Jacobus, of Boonton, and they have four children, namely: Nicholas J.; Ray, an under-graduate of Columbia University, is the intercollegiate champion for the United States, 1898, and also one of the fastest of the amateur riders of the world, holding many records to his credit, won within the last two years; Bessie J. and Dudley B. Mr. Dawson and his family are faithful members of the Presbyterian church.

SIMEON VAN DUYNE.

A good and worthy citizen of Boonton and a descendant of an old and prominent family of New Jersey, Simeon Van Dvyne was born in lower Montville township, February 6, 1847, and is a son of Martin R. and Julia (Crane) Van Duyne. His early boyhood days were spent on the old homestead and his educational training was received in the "red school-house," in his native township. When a youth still in his 'teens, he displayed special aptitude in the use of mechanical appliances, and at the age of seventeen he began to learn the machinist's trade in the city of Newark, completing his apprenticeship before attaining his majority. During the first year of his apprenticeship he designed and perfected a complete working model of a steam engine, all the parts of which he made in his own room at his sister's home in Orange. This inventive genuis has been noticeable in all his work throughout his entire business career. While learning his trade in Newark he became a very expert workman and upon the completion of his apprentice-

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ship, he began business on his own account in Boonton, where he has since conducted a manufacturing and machine shop, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He invented and perfected a complete working model for a turbine water-wheel, which has been put to the practical test in connection with other first-class wheels, and in every instance has shown decided superiority over all others in many important points. He constructed and placed two of his turbine wheels in the works of the Boonton Electric Light Company, and these furnish the motive power for the entire works. These wheels are models of skill and mechanical ingenuity and indicate Mr. Van Duyne's superior ability in the line of mechanical invention.

Mr. Van Duyne is a progressive and loyal citizen and gives a public-spirited support to all measures for the general good. He was instrumental in the organization of the South Boonton Volunteer Fire Company, of which he became a charter member, and from the beginning has been the moving spirit in its affairs.

On the 25th of February, 1869, in the city of Newark, was solemnized the marriage of Simeon Van Duyne to Miss Anna L. Frazee. She was born January 6, 1849, and her death occurred on the 18th of April, 1889. Of this union three children were born: Bertha F., now Mrs. Taylor, of Orange, New Jersey; Susie H., born August 11, 1873; and Orlin S., born May 21, 1879. On October 8, 1890, Mr. Van Duyne consummated a second marriage, being then united to Augusta J. Zeek. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Boonton and gives his support to all measures for the educational, moral, social or material welfare of the community.

LEWIS VAN DUYNE.

One of the progressive and substantial citizens of Boonton, Morris county, New Jersey, the gentleman whose name appears above was born at Montville, this state, on the 2d of April, 1855, and is the youngest son of Martin R. and Julia A. (Crane) Van Duyne, the latter being a daughter of Judge Benjamin F. Crane. The father of our subject was engaged in farming pursuits, with which he combined also the vocation of tanner, and was a prosperous man, gaining the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Lewis Van Duyne acquired his educational discipline in the district schools of Morris county, attending the same during the winter months and working on the farm during the summer seasons. In this manner he passed his early youth until arriving at the age of sixteen years, when he left his parental abode and went to Orange, New Jersey, where he studied surveying under the supervision of Mead & Taylor, remaining in their employ for some

years. In March, 1878, he purchased a farm in Montville township, and resided there for nine years, during which time he was engaged in surveying and building up a large and lucrative business which required all his attention and energies to maintain. In 1887 he sold the farm and removed to Boonton, where he erected his present handsome residence, in 1893, and subsequently organized the Boonton Water Company, of which he has since been president. He constructed the Boonton water-works, and is otherwise extensively interested in real estate, owning and selling building sites in Paterson, Boonton, Rockaway, Dover and Trenton, New Jersey, and in Scranton and Pittston, Pennsylvania.

In his political predilections Mr. Van Duyne is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, although he has never sought office or participated actively in political contests. At one time he was chairman of the township committee in Montville township for seven years, and a member of the school board of that township; and he was appointed a member of the board of education in Boonton, in May, 1896, for a term of three years.

In society matters Mr. Van Duyne is connected with Arcana Lodge, No. 60, Free and Accepted Masons, to which he was admitted in 1887, and he has been a member of the Royal Arcanum since 1895.

The first marriage of Mr. Van Duyne was celebrated on the 26th of February, 1877, when he was united with Miss Annabella Walker, at Pompton, New Jersey. She was born February 24, 1857, and died at Montville, Morris county, on the 18th of March, 1879, leaving one child, born August 19, 1878, and named Bessie Annabella. November 18, 1879, Mr. Van Duyne consummated his second marriage, being then united to Miss Mary M. Jacobus, at Springfield, Union county, New Jersey, who was born January 12, 1854, and by this marriage there have been two sons and two daughters, namely: Leah Elizabeth, born September 9, 1880; Martin Richard, May 7, 1882; William Nelson, September 29, 1883; and Mary Frances, April 28, 1889.

Mr. Van Duyne is an energetic, public-spirited gentleman, always interested in anything that has for its object the advancement and welfare of his home city, is popular in social circles, and in the business world has gained a signal success, the factors of which have been his industry, thrift and unimpeachable integrity of character, which have secured to him not only the confidence, but also the high regard of his many friends.

COLLINS B. WEIR.

A progressive and public-spirited citizen of Morristown, Mr. Weir was born in Jefferson township, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 4th of February, 1845, and is a son of John and Mary (Morgan) Weir, the former of

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whom was born near Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey, his death occurring at Rockaway, Morris county, in 1887, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. The mother departed this life, also at Rockaway, in 1890, when seventy-six years old.

Collins B. Weir attended school in his native township until eleven years old, and worked on the farm up to the time he was fifteen years old, when he entered the employ of Benjamin M. Roome, one of the oldest land-surveyors of New Jersey, and remained with him one year. In 1861 Mr. Weir offered his services in defending the Union, and in September of that year he enlisted in Company E, Ninth New Jersey Rifle Regiment, in which he served until July 12, 1865. For six months he was a private and was then promoted a mounted orderly, remaining as such for a year, when he served as right general guide of the regiment during the ensuing year, and on May 29, 1863, he was promoted to first sergeant of Company E. On the 16th of May, 1864, he was wounded at Drewry's Bluff, near Richmond, and on April 2, 1865, he was commissioned second lieutenant of Company C, in the same regiment, serving in that capacity until honorably discharged.

Upon the close of the war Mr. Weir came to Morristown and learned the carpenter's trade, which, in connection with architecture, he has since continued to successfully follow. Politically Mr. Weir is a stanch Republican, and in 1879 he was elected assessor of Morristown and has continued to act in that capacity, either in the city or in the township, his present incumbency being in the city. In 1880 he was elected a member of the Morristown common council, serving as such for four terms of two years each.

Socially Mr. Weir is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Master Mason degree, and he is a member of A. T. A. Torbett Post, No. 24, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New Jersey. He is interested in real estate and is a notary public.

In 1874 Mr. Weir was united in marriage to Miss Gussie Petty, and the issue of this union comprised four children, three of whom survive.

JOHN H. POLHEMUS.

Fortunate is the man who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and in this particular our subject is especially blessed. In the history of the Netherlands the family name figures conspicuously in connection with affairs of state, and its representatives bore an important part in many of the public events which are mentioned in the annals of the country. The family name was originally Polheem, but the Latin terminus "us" was affixed as a mark of eminence, according to a custom more or less observed in early days among men of learning and distinction. Anciently some mem-

bers of the family enjoyed celebrity in the cities of Antwerp and Ghent, and in the former Eleazer Polhemus, a learned jurist, held the office of burgomaster in 1310.

Johannes Theodorus Polhemus, a minister of the Reformed church of Holland, was the progenitor of all the families of the name in America. On his arrival in this country he accepted a call from the church in Flatbush, where he labored from 1654 to 1665. He was afterward pastor of a church in Brooklyn until his death, which occurred June 9, 1676. He married Catherine Van Werven, and their children were Theodorus, Daniel, Elizabeth, Adriana, Anna and Margaret. Of this family Daniel Polhemus was captain of the troops of Kings county and served as supervisor of Flatbush in 1705. He was afterward county judge and was a most important factor in the public life of his locality. His death occurred just prior to 1730. His family included the following named: Cornelius, Daniel, Hendrick and Jacob. The eldest took up his residence in Haverstraw, New Jersey, the second in New York, the third in Harlingen, Somerset county, New Jersey, and the fourth in Hempstead, Long Island. Hendrick Polhemus took up his residence on a large tract of land, extending from Harlingen to the Millstone river, and the homestead he established long remained in possession of the family. He had a son, Major John Polhemus, who was born in New Jersey in 1738, served in the French and Indian wars and rose to the rank of major in the war of the Revolution. His death occurred in 1833.

Daniel Polhemus, son of the captain of troops of Kings county, took up his residence in New York. He had a son, Henry, who was the father of John H. Polhemus. Henry Polhemus was born in New York and married Helen Middleworth, also a native of that state. They removed to Battle Creek, Michigan, where John H. Polhemus, the immediate subject of this review, was born, on the 11th of April, 1856. The mother died in Battle Creek, and the father soon afterward returned to the east with his family, locating in Somerset county, New Jersey. The son, John H., was then a lad of nine years. He completed his education in an elocutionary college in Middlebush, New Jersey, and in 1876 came to Morris county, locating at Whippany, where he secured a clerkship. Soon afterward, however, he became proprietor of a general store, and he has since continued operations in this line, with gratifying success. He has studied closely the public taste and carried a large and well selected stock fitted to meet the popular demand; this, combined with his courteous treatment of his customers and his reliable business methods, has secured him a liberal patronage.

In 1880 Mr. Polhemus married Fannelia Beach McIntyre, of New York, and in the community they have many warm friends. Mr. Polhemus is a Republican in his political connections, and he served as postmaster of

Whippany under President Harrison. He is a director and now president of the Whiponong Hall Association, is a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics and its auxiliary, the Daughters of Liberty, and of the Royal Arcanum.

GEORGE A. ALLEN.

One of the oldest and best known plumbers in Madison, Mr. Allen was born in Whippany, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 11th of May, 1852, a son of John N. and Charlotte (Bruen) Allen, whose history will be found in another part of this work. Our subject passed his boyhood under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the public schools of his native town, after which he was employed on the farm for a while and then learned the plumbing trade, which he has almost constantly worked at since 1868, meeting with that success that ever characterizes industry, integrity and a progressive spirit. His handiwork is shown in many of the fine residences and public buildings of Madison, and has gained for him an enviable reputation as a man of ability in this line of enterprise.

Touching upon the social relations of Mr. Allen, we may state that he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, Lathrop Lodge, No. 3347, of Madison, the Daughters of Liberty, and the American Protective Association, No. 58, of Morristown.

Mr. Allen consummated his marriage in 1875, when he became united to Miss Sarah J. Hopping, a daughter of E. M. and Eliza (Shauger) Hopping, her father being a well known grocer of Newark. The following four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Frank, George E., Louie J., and Katie H.

GEORGE C. SMITH.

The subject of this sketch has been identified with the business interests of Morristown for the past ten years, and is a native of Morris county. He was born in Green Village, on the 1st of March, 1857, and is a son of Theodore and Susan (Miller) Smith. The father was a native of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and at the age of nineteen he came to New Jersey and engaged in teaching school, continuing to follow that vocation for several years. He then settled on a farm near New Vernon, and resided there until his death, which occurred in 1894. He married Miss Susan Miller, a native of Green Village and a daughter of Isaac Miller, who was a representative of one of New Jersey's oldest families. Mrs. Smith departed this life in 1860.

George C. Smith was reared and educated in Morris county, near New

Vernon, and at the age of sixteen years he moved to Madison, New Jersey, remained there for a period of ten years, after which he came to Morristown. Here he engaged in various mercantile enterprises, finally embarking in the grocery business, which he has conducted until the present time. He began his practical career with limited capital, to which he added industry, application and perseverance, and these, combined with the strictest integrity of character, have resulted in his existing prosperity, his spacious, neatly kept and well stocked store being conclusive evidence of his success in this line of endeavor.

Mr. Smith solemnized his marriage in 1883, when he was united to Miss Ella F. Stevens, and he and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In June, 1892, the Epworth League connected with this church began the publication of the Epworth Recorder, a monthly journal, and from the time of its inception Mr. Smith has held the position of editor.

In his political faith our subject is a stanch Democrat, and has served his party as a member of the Morris township committee and was city clerk and city treasurer of Morristown for one term. He was elected a member of the board of education of Morristown in 1898. He is public-spirited, energetic and progressive and retains the confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens.

GEORGE W. FELCH.

A well known farmer and dairyman of Chatham township, Mr. Felch is a native of New York state, having been born in Sullivan county on the 9th of November, 1822, a son of Nathan and Rebecca (Shepherd) Felch. The father was born in Massachusetts and the mother in Connecticut, of Welsh ancestors. The father was ordained a Methodist minister and preached the gospel for many years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Felch were: George W., Isaac N., Benjamin M., Julia H., Charles, Mary Anna, who married Everett Terrell; and Harriet, who became the wife of Thomas Harris. The father died when our subject was quite young.

George W. Felch was reared in his native township, where he attended school for a few years, and at an early age he learned the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship under J. Wider, near Hartford, Connecticut, and afterward working as a journeyman for a short time, previous to coming to Afton in 1844. Here he established a shop, although several people had attempted to discourage him by saying that several similar attempts had been made, all of which had failed. He assured these pessimists that he would stay one year if he only got enough to pay his board, and by

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his courteous manners, genial disposition and the high order of excellence that characterized all the work done by him, he soon gained many friends and his business rapidly increased. In a short time he purchased the property on which his shop stood and later bought a small farm. In 1869 he found his health failing him from overwork and he consequently sold his place and bought a large farm, and he now possesses one hundred and fifty acres of finely cultivated land, on which he has built one of the substantial rural homes in this part of the county. Combined with agriculture he carries on dairying to some extent. Politically Mr. Felch is a faithful supporter of the Democratic party and is a strong advocate of any measure that will advance the welfare of his community.

In 1849 Mr. Felch became united in marriage to Miss Harriet T. Ward, who died shortly afterward, and in 1851 he contracted another marriage, being then united to Miss Adelia F. Roll, a native of Madison and a daughter of Jonas and Julia D. (Shipman) Roll, both of whom represented old families in the county. Their other children were: Jonas M., Stephen B., Chancellor L., Philetto H., Adelia F., Henrietta C. and Manning P., the last named being a soldier in the late war of the Rebellion. All of these children are deceased except Henrietta, who married William J. Carter and lives in New York state.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Felch are as follows: Harriet E., who married Charles F. Genung, of Chatham; Frank W., who married Miss Clara Van Luan, and lives in New York; Georgiana, who became the wife of Charles Zuckschwart, and lives in Orange; James W., who married Louisa Shaw and resides in New York; Nathan, who married Miss Nancy Brown and makes his residence in Chatham; Augustus; Irving R., who married Neva Williams and makes his home in Connecticut; and George A., who married Miss Hattie Engle, and they live on the home place, assisting their parents in conducting the farm and the dairy business. Mrs. Felch is a consistent member of the Hanover Presbyterian church.

HENRY A. ROFF.

He whose name forms the caption of this sketch is a resident of Butler, and was born in Washington Valley, near Morristown, December 29, 1838, being a representative of one of the old colonial families. The name was originally spelled Rolfe, but in recent generations has been modified to the present form, Roff. His grandfather was a country tailor, and followed his trade in Washington Valley before the war of the Revolution. He obtained the title to his land from the British crown. Charles Roff, the father of our subject, was born in Washington Valley, in the latter part of the eighteenth

century, and aided in the defense of his country in the war of 1812. In his early life he followed the profession of teaching and later devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. His political support was unswervingly given to the Democracy, and at one time he was elected justice of the peace, but refused to qualify for the office. He married Phœbe Axtell, whose father, Silas Axtell, was a colonel in the New Jersey militia, and to Mr. and Mrs. Roff were born eleven children, but the one whose name introduces this review is now the only survivor.

Henry Augustus Roff spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm and to prepare himself for his life's work learned the machinist's trade with the Newark Machine Company. He afterward worked for several years as a journeyman in Jersey City and Newark, and at the close of the Civil war he went west, spending three years in St. Louis, Missouri, where he occupied a position as a machinist. Upon his return to New Jersey he abandoned that occupation and through the eight succeeding years devoted his energies to following the plow, gathering the crops and the other labors incident to farm life. When he once more left the farm he accepted the position of millwright with the Bloomingdale Soft Rubber Company, of Butler, and with the exception of three years spent in the service of the Smith Electric Company, of Pompton, he has since occupied the position which he to-day fills, being one of the most capable and trusted employes of the house. He owns and occupies a farm near the Kackout mountains, the same being operated by the members of his family.

Mr. Roff was married in 1861 to Miss Elizabeth Walker, a daughter of Mark R. Walker, and they now have five sons: Sidney M., Joseph W., George M., Herbert A. and Edward. They have also lost two sons and a daughter. Mr. Roff in his political preferences is a Republican, but though he manifests a deep interests in politics, as every true American citizen should do, he is content to leave office-holding to others, while his attention is given without interruption to his business interests.

ABRAM BOCKOVEN.

A well known resident of Morris county, Mr. Bockoven is a worthy representative of one of the old families of New Jersey and was born upon the farm, west of Mendham, now owned by him, on the 8th of July, 1835. His father, David Bockoven, was born in Morris township on October 12, 1792, and died at Mendham in November, 1889. Early in life he came to the farm upon which our subject was born, and there passed the greater part of his busy career. He erected a mill on the site of the present "Bockoven Mill" and built up quite a lumber industry there. In politics he supported

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the Democratic party for many years and once served as a freeholder for Mendham and at another time was surveyor of the highways. Later in life he became a Prohibitionist and remained so until his death. He married Miss Phœbe Layton, a daughter of John L. Layton, of Liberty Corners, Somerset county, and she died in 1864, at the age of sixty-eight years, being survived by her husband and the following children: Mary A., who is the widow of Henry A. Carey; John N.; Elizabeth, the widow of William F. Miller, of Morris county; George and William, deceased; Fannie, who married Israel Lewis, of Morristown; David; Daniel J., deceased; Abram; Theodore, of Succasunna Plains; and Theophilus, of Mendham. All of the foregoing children were living when their father was ninety years old.

Abram Bockoven, the grandfather of our subject, was a son of Dutch parents and was called Major Bockoven, a title attained, no doubt, through some connection with the militia of New Jersey. He died in Morris township about the year 1850, at the venerable age of ninety years.

The subject of this review engaged in the battle of life at the age of twenty years, as a farmer, and in 1864 he took charge of the old mill, rebuilt and operated the same until 1896, in which year he retired from both it and the farm, and the following January moved into Mendham, of which he has since continued one of the most respected citizens. He has always advocated Democratic principles and has served his township as committeeman, a member of the board of education and for fourteen years held the office of clerk. He is a faithful adherent of the First Presbyterian church and is a trustee of the Cemetery Association.

Mr. Bockoven was united in marriage on the 20th of November, 1855, to Miss Frances L. Axtell, a daughter of Luther and Sarah (Simpson) Axtell, her birth having occurred in 1838. The children born of this union are: David M., who married Eliza Sharp and resides in Morristown; Phœbe M., deceased; George, who married Miss Anna Savage and farms the old homestead; Charles, who married Caroline Sharp and resides in Morristown; Clifford A., Edward, Frederick, Jennie F. and Albert.

RICHARD W. McEWAN.

This well known resident of Whippany represents a family that has been long and prominently connected with the manufacture of paper on the Atlantic coast, and with his brothers he is now extensively engaged in the conduct of a large concern of that character. The name of McEwan is known to the paper trade throughout the country and is the synonym of honor and straightforward dealing in trade circles.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review is a native of Bloom-

field, New Jersey, born on the 25th of January, 1866. The first seven years of his life, however, were spent in Easton, Connecticut, where his father, Robert McEwan, was engaged in the manufacture of paper. The latter, who is now living a retired life in Whippany, was born near the city of Glasgow, in Scotland, September 8, 1828, the son of Anthony and Mary (Coomb) McEwan, and Anthony McEwan was also a paper-maker by trade. As a life work Robert McEwan took up the business which had been followed by his father and grandfather, and in his early manhood crossed the Atlantic to the United States. In this country he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Walsh, a daughter of John and Ann Emaline Walsh, she being a lady of American birth but of English parentage. After carrying on business for some time in Easton, Connecticut, Robert McEwan removed with his family to Caldwell, New Jersey, and thence returned to his old home in Bloomfield, but is now living in Whippany. By his marriage he became the father of the following named: Wilson E.; William W., a partner in the Stone Brook Paper Company; Robert B.; Jesse L. and Richard W., who are connected with the paper manufactory in Whippany; Mary, wife of W. Q. Wilson; Arthur, who married Ella Anderson; Frank, and Fred. With the exception of the youngest two, the sons are all married. Robert B. wedded Mary B. Crawford; Jesse L. married N. Grace Roe; and Richard W., subject of this sketch, wedded Hannah H. Brown, a daughter of George H. and Martha B. Brown, of Washington, North Carolina, by which marriage have been born two children: Richard W., Jr., born August 5, 1895, and Martha Virginia, who was born February 27, 1898.

Robert McEwan, Sr., became one of the best known paper manufacturers of the county, building up a business of great volume, and the prestige he acquired in this line has been maintained by his successors, his sons, in a manner to merit the admiration and confidence of a critical public.

Richard W. McEwan was reared to the business. At an early age he left the school-room and entered his father's factory as an employee, passed through every department of the concern and mastered the details relating to each. Before reaching the age of eighteen he had acquired an interest in the business and has since been an important factor in the successful conduct of the extensive enterprise. The factory is one of the best equipped in the country, being supplied with the latest and best improved machinery, and all accessories for the manufacture of the different grades and kinds of paper. The house enjoys a large trade, and the success of the enterprise is well merited by the partners, who are all men of good business ability.

In politics the McEwan brothers are all Republicans and have unreservedly supported that organization during the past eight years, being champions of a protective tariff and sound-money plank, as defined in the

platform of the St. Louis convention of 1896. Richard W. McEwan is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Cincinnati Lodge, F. & A. M., Madison Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M., and the Odo de Saint Aman Commandery, K. T. He is also a member of the Topkaow Club, of Morristown.

THEODORE BROWN.

A native of Morris county, Theodore Brown was born at the old ancestral home of the Brown family, in Newfoundland, August 19, 1843. For more than a century the property had been in possession of his ancestors. Hendrick Braun, a Dutchman, whose name had been Anglicized into Henry Brown, left the lower point of Manhattan island, walked across the country, followed the Pequannock river for some miles in search of a desirable location on which to establish a home, and finally selected the present site of Newfoundland. The danger incident to the war of the Revolution caused him to seek refuge in New York during its continuance, but when American independence had been won he returned to his land, and erected thereon a cabin just in the rear of the beautiful and commodious hostelry which is now the property of our subject. Among his children was Martin Brown, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born October 10, 1764, and died August 23, 1850.

Peter P. Brown, the grandfather of our subject, was born October 11, 1790, and died February 14, 1864. On the 15th of December, 1813, he married Elizabeth Kanouse, and in 1817 removed to the Morris side of the river and erected the first section of the now famous Brown Hotel. He conducted a store, engaged in farming, also operated a forge, and was recognized as a successful business man, having accumulated considerable property. In 1844 he disposed of all the interests just mentioned to his son, John P., and turned his attention to the iron business, following that enterprise in Clinton for some years, and then in Pompton. In his later life he resumed hotel-keeping, as proprietor of the old Passaic Hotel at Paterson, but spent his last years on the Kanouse homestead near Newfoundland, where his death occurred. His children were: Eliza A., who died in childhood; Harriet, who married James M. Allen, and spent the greater part of her life in Ohio; John P.; Hannah C., widow of William Howe, and a resident of Winona, Minnesota; Susan, who became Mrs. I. J. Allen, and is now a resident of Roseville, a suburb of Newark, New Jersey; Julia, deceased wife of Oscar Decker; Lydia, widow of C. F. De Camp, and a resident of Morristown; Ira, who was with his father in the iron business at Clinton and Pompton, and in the hotel at Paterson, after which he engaged in the livery business in New York as a member of the firm of Ryerson & Brown, which firm after-

ward merged its business into that of the New York Cab Company, one of the well-known concerns of the city. Chilion Brown, the youngest of the family, died in childhood.

John P. Brown, the father of our subject, was born August 24, 1817, and was called to his final rest December 20, 1893. He was a type of the men found in the early history of the country, who disdained to simulate the suavity and mildness that the modern man of affairs so often assumes. He was stern and exacting, with the sharp corners of his nature wholly visible, but he possessed qualities of the greatest worth, which won him the admiration and respect of all. He abhorred dishonesty and had no sympathy for the dissembler, and integrity was the foundation of his own character. If a man was honest, however, and tried to do his best, but met failure, he then found in Mr. Brown a true friend, who would generously extend to him substantial aid, without considerations of friendship. His likes and dislikes were strong. He despised the modern aristocrat for his notions about society; one man's money counted the same to him as another's, and he courted the patronage of the workingman as he did that of the wealthy summer guest, and he seated them in the same dining hall.

John P. Brown was a man of strong physique and of great industry. He possessed the ability to conduct more than one business successfully, and derived his revenue from the wood and lumber business, the farm and the store, as well as from the hotel. He was united in marriage to Miss Maria, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Speer) Ryerson, and they became the parents of three sons: Theodore; Ryerson, who was born December 4, 1846, and died December 22, 1852; and Walter, who was born June 26, 1849, and died December 5, 1852.

Theodore Brown, the present representative of this honored family that through a century has been so prominently connected with the history of Morris county, received his business training under the direction of his father, whom he assisted, from an early age, in the store, home and lumber yard. Upon attaining his majority he assumed the entire management of the mercantile and lumber interests, while his father gave his close attention to the hotel and farm. Since the death of his father the management of the entire estate has devolved upon Theodore Brown, who is one of the enterprising, progressive and capable business men of his section of the county. His keen foresight and business sagacity have enabled him to conduct his interests in a way that has returned a good profit, and he is proprietor of one of the most popular hotels in this part of the state. There is an air of refinement and suggestion of home which pervade the place; neatness and comfort characterize every apartment, and the whole is conducted with a view to the greatest convenience and pleasure of the guests. Mr. Brown always wins

the esteem and friendship of his patrons, and his circle of well-wishers is very extended.

On the 21st of October, 1880, Mr. Brown led to the marriage altar Miss Emma Gene Terwilliger, a daughter of Charles V. Terwilliger. She was born July 25, 1858, and by her marriage has became the mother of four children: Delos John, who was born May 12, 1882, and is now deceased; Theodore E., born December 2, 1885; Ethel M., born October 2, 1887; and Elizabeth Gene, November 19, 1889. Mr. Brown and his wife are members of the Newfoundland Presbyterian church, and take an active part in its work. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and has served in the offices of freeholder, town committeeman and town clerk, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability.

JAMES J. RYAN.

Mr. Ryan is one of the sons of the Emerald Isle who has found in the New World the opportunities that have enabled him to rise from a lowly position in the financial world to one of considerable prominence, as he now occupies a leading place in the business circles of the city in which he resides. He was born in Ireland in 1853, a son of Thomas and Mary (Cunningham) Ryan, who came to America in 1856 with their family of three children, and settled in Madison, New Jersey, where the father remained until his death. He was a gardener by occupation and followed that pursuit until called to his final rest, in 1891.

James J. Ryan was the sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children and was reared to manhood under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the old Madison Academy. When his school days were ended he went to New York city and learned engineering, which pursuit he followed for sixteen years. In 1872 he was made manager of the Kensington Department house and in 1879 assumed charge of the pavilion at Sharon Springs, where he continued until 1887, when he returned to Madison and engaged in the cultivation of roses, which had become one of the leading industries of this section of the state. He met with success in this undertaking and after carrying on the enterprise with profit for some time he embarked in the plumbing, steam-fitting and gas-fitting business. He has every facility and improved piece of mechanism for doing first-class work along these lines and has put in the plumbing in some of the finest residences in Madison.

Mr. Ryan is quite prominent in society circles, both fraternal and otherwise, and for three consecutive terms has served as secretary of the Rose Growers' Association, an organization for advancing the interests of rose culture. He is vice-president of the Catholic Benevolent League and vice-

president of the Young Men's Catholic Club. In his political views he is a strong Democrat and in 1895 was nominated on the ticket of his party for city alderman, but through a political manœuver he was defeated.

In 1881 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ryan and Miss Anna Lenehan, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Thomas Lenehan, who is still living on his farm in county Roscommon, Ireland. Mrs. Ryan is a cousin of John McGuire, who was surveyor of the port of New York during President Cleveland's second administration, and is also a cousin of C. J. McGuire, a prominent physician of New York city. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan: Joseph, who died in infancy; and Mary and Margaret.

EDWARD TAYLOR.

For twenty-eight years Mr. Taylor has held the responsible post of engineer on a line of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, running between Chatham and New York city, and he is a native of Warren county, New Jersey, where he was born February 9, 1847, a son of James and Martha (Pittenger) Taylor, the former of whom was born in England, the latter in Pennsylvania. James Taylor emigrated from Great Britain about the year 1840, came to New Jersey and located at Oxford, Warren county, where he followed the blacksmith trade during his active lifetime. To him and his wife were born: John; David, who was killed while bravely fighting for his country in the Civil war; Edward; Anna, who married Philip Vassler, and now lives in New York; Casper; and Mary, who became the wife of George Lanning. Mr. Taylor died in 1856, his wife surviving him two years.

Edward Taylor passed his boyhood at home and attended school until eleven years old, at which early age he began to earn his own living, and four years later he moved to Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1863 4, during the most exciting periods of the Civil war, he was engaged in the railroad business in Tennessee, and in 1865 he returned to Scranton, where he was employed in a rolling-mill as a stationary engineer. In 1867 he came to Chatham and, having acquiring valuable experience in the running of engines, he was engaged as fireman on a locomotive engine on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, a position he retained for two years, when, such was his fidelity and ability that he was promoted, in 1869, to the responsible place on the right of the cab, and has continued as engineer on the line running between Chatham and New York. In this capacity the dominating characteristics of Mr. Taylor—faithfulness, caution and the guarding of his employers' interests have insured the highest order of intelligent service, and as a logical result but few accidents have occurred while he was at the

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throttle, and he has had the honor of being among the small number of engineers who have held an engine so long a time.

Socially considered Mr. Taylor is a popular member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, having been affiliated with the same since 1870, of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. In his political faith he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party and in March, 1897, he was made a member of the first common council of Chatham.

In 1869 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Helen E. Pollard, a native of Chatham and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Pollard, and of this union three children have been born, namely: Annabel, deceased; May and Florence. Mr. Taylor is an affectionate father and husband and has given his children an excellent literary education and has developed their natural talent for music, both of the young ladies being highly accomplished in that line of art. Our subject has a substantial, comfortable home, furnished with all modern improvements, and there he and his family extend a cordial hospitality to their many friends.

JOHN SEBALD.

Mr. Sebald is a resident of Butler, and is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war who responded to the call of his adopted country and went forth in defense of the Union. A loyal devotion to duty has characterized his entire life, whether on the battlefield, in the shoe-shop or in the discharge of public service. A native of Bavaria, born on the 15th of May, 1842, he is a son of John and Margaret (Stager) Sebald, who also were natives of the same country, whence they emigrated to America after their marriage. The father, who was born in 1814, now makes his home with his son John. He has one other son, George, who also resides at Butler. His life has been a busy one, devoted to the work of the farm or to other manual labor, and for many years he was a resident of Paterson, New Jersey.

It was during his father's residence in Paterson that John Sebald attended the common schools, after which he began learning the shoemaker's trade, under the direction of Henry Richet, of Newark. He was thus engaged when, in 1862, he was aroused by his country's need for more troops to preserve the Union, and joined Company A, Twenty-sixth New Jersey Volunteers, for nine months' service. He went to the front under command of Captain Morris and returned under command of Captain Fordham. His company was at once ordered to the front and was under fire for the first time at the battle of Fredericksburg, where they were stationed as a reserve, but their position was so near the battlefield that they were actually within

range of the enemy's bullets. Company A actively participated in the second battle of Fredericksburg and aided in the capture of Marye's Heights, which stronghold had caused to General Burnside a loss of twelve thousand troops in one day, in the first engagement at Fredericksburg. Mr. Sebald also participated in the hotly contested engagement on the Rappahannock river, June 5, 1863, known as Franklin Crossing, in which the Twenty-sixth New Jersey, by a remarkable exhibition of courage, captured the force in charge of the enemy's batteries, which were costing heavy losses to the advancing Federals. Mr. Sebald also took part in the battles of Chancellorsville and Salem Church, and, being taken ill on Burnside's famous mud march, was discharged on special order of the war department, June 27, 1863.

Returning to the north he resumed his labors at the shoe-bench, and completed his term of apprenticeship under Mr. Richet, of Newark. He then resided for some years in Paterson, New Jersey, and in 1874 located in Newfoundland, Morris county. Since 1882 he has resided in Butler, and is now conducting a lucrative business as a dealer in boots and shoes. He has a well equipped store, and his straightforward business methods and excellent stock insure him a liberal patronage.

On the 26th of March, 1866, Mr. Sebald was married, in Paterson, New Jersey, to Miss Mary M. Mains, a daughter of James Mains, of Oak Ridge, New Jersey. Eight children were born of this union, and concerning them we offer brief record, as follows: Maggie is the wife of Isaac Q. Gurnee, of Butler. James is at time of this writing (September 1, 1898) serving in Company G, First New Jersey Regiment, United States Army, as musician. The other surviving children are George, Theodore and Joseph. John died at the age of twenty-one years; Charles B. died at the age of eighteen years, having been a student in the Bloomingdale school; and Bertha died at the age of five months.

Mr. Sebald is a member of Farragut Post, No. 28, G. A. R., at Paterson, and belongs distinctively to that class of citizens who, by the faithful performance of each day's duties, insure the welfare and continued prosperity of the community with which they are connected.

DANIEL LOSEY.

He whose name initiates this review is proprietor of the United States Hotel Stable, in Morristown, and is a representative of one of the old families of Morris county. He was born in Mendham township, Morris county, on the 3d of February, 1855, the son of Samuel M. and Elizabeth (Ballentine) Losey, both of whom belonged to pioneer families of this county. They had but two children, our subject and Louise. The father died in 1877,

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aged about sixty-three years, and the mother still survives, residing at Gladstone, Somerset county, New Jersey. The paternal grandfather was Daniel Losey, who was born in Mendham township, being a farmer by occupation, as was also his father, Colonel Nehemiah Losey, who was a resident of the county and a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

The subject of this mention was reared on a farm and attained his primary education in the public schools of Mendham, supplementing the same by a course of study at Flushing Institute, Long Island, New York. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jane Greer, of Sussex county, New Jersey, and they settled on the old homestead in Mendham township, where they continued until 1894, when Mr. Losey sold the farm and moved into Morristown, engaging in the livery business. His place was destroyed by fire a month later, but, nothing daunted, and with characteristic determination, he re-established himself and has since continued with a high order of success. His stables are first-class in every respect, containing handsome rigs, good horses and reliable drivers, beside which Mr. Losey possesses special facilities for receptions, weddings or funerals, and has the best accommodations for boarding horses by the day, week or month.

Mr. and Mrs. Losey are the parents of two daughters, Annie G. and Elizabeth B. The family attend the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Losey is a member.

In his political adherency Mr. Losey is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he holds membership in Mohuscawing Tribe, No. 216, Improved Order of Red Men, at Morristown.

GEORGE WHITEMAN.

A liveryman of Chatham, whose residence in Morris county dates from 1890, Mr. Whiteman is one of the boys in blue who, at the call of their country, went forth to battle for the Union, and throughout the years of his manhood he has been known as a loyal citizen, whether in days of peace or war.

He is a native of Oswego county, New York, and a son of Abram Whiteman, who was of German descent, but was born in the Empire state, where he followed the occupation of farming. He was one of a family of ten children, the others being: Betsey, who married Isaac Mitchel; Henry; Lany; William; Philip; Catherine, wife of John Kenyon; Jacob; Abraham; and Sallie, who married Jacob Schultz. To the parents of our subject were born five children, of whom he is the eldest. The others are Charles, a resident of Philmont, New York; Robert, who is living in Hudson, New York; Jarvis, of Ghent, that state; and Frank, of Chatham, New York, who

is now holding a lucrative position as a telegraph operator. He is an expert in that line, and has made a number of important discoveries concerning telegraphy.

Reared in the state of his nativity, Mr. Whiteman there remained until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he joined Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth New York Infantry. He was first sent to Baltimore, and later participated in a number of engagements; but, ultimately, on account of ill health, was sent to the hospital and discharged by reason of his physical disability.

On the 18th of February, 1864, Mr. Whiteman married Miss Addie Waugh, daughter of John and Sarah (Suchwell) Waugh, natives of Madison, New Jersey. His wife died February 3, 1882, leaving one child, Ray; and for his second wife he chose Ella C. Rathbun, a native of Madison, New Jersey, and a daughter of Amos C. Rathbun. Socially Mr. Whiteman is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and thus continues his military associations and friendships. He votes with the Republican party, and is a stanch advocate of its leading measures. In business he is straightforward and reliable, and his courtesy to his patrons, combined with an earnest effort to please them, has brought to him good success.

EDWIN P. FELCH.

The family name borne by our subject is of English origin, his grandfather, Nathan Felch, having emigrated from England to the United States, probably in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Edwin P. Felch, an expert electrician of Madison,—his native town,—was born August 22, 1858, and is a son of Benjamin M. and Electa Felch. The father was born in Connecticut, in 1810, and when twenty-one years of age took up his residence in Madison, where he was engaged in teaching. He was afterward elected superintendent of the schools of Morris county, and also attained to considerable prominence in political life, being chosen by the Democratic party to represent his district in the state legislature in 1857 and 1858. His death occurred in 1889, but his widow, who was born in Madison, is still living and makes her home with her son. She is of English descent, the family having been represented in America since an early day. There were but three children in the family: Edwin P.; Susan M., wife of Samuel Mooney; and William S., now deceased.

Mr. Felch, of this review, spent his early life in Madison, acquired his education in the public schools, and later went to New York city, where he was employed at various labors, a portion of the time being engaged in steam-fitting. In 1888 he began business in Madison as a real-estate and

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insurance agent, but is now engaged in electrical work and deals in electrical supplies. He has done at least three-fourths of the work in his line in the town and has become very proficient, for he is a constant student of everything connected with the industry; and his research and investigation, combined with practical experience, have given him an expertness that insures him a very liberal and profitable patronage. He is a member of the National Electric Light Association. In political matters he takes no active part, but, socially, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Felch was married October 28, 1885, to Miss Ester M. McDugal. His present wife was Catherine Maxwell, a daughter of George Maxwell. Of pleasant, genial manner and sterling worth, he is recognized as a valued citizen and companionable gentleman.

SILAS L. ARMSTRONG.

A representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Morris county, Mr. Armstrong is now numbered among the prominent business men of Morristown, and his identification with the industrial interests of Morristown has not only proved of individual benefit to himself, but has also advanced the general prosperity by furnishing employment to a large force of workmen. A well known writer has said that the man who each week pays over his counters wages to one hundred men is more deserving of the gratitude of the country than he who leads a company forth to battle; for he places in the hands of his employes the means of sustaining life, of maintaining homes and establishing a pleasant, prosperous community. Mr. Armstrong in his business career has also demonstrated that success is not a matter of genius or fortuitous circumstances, but is the outcome of persistent, earnest and well directed effort. His labors have brought to him a handsome reward, well merited, and he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his native county.

Mr. Armstrong was born near Morristown, on the 26th of March, 1829, being the son of Silas and Betsey (Norris) Armstrong, who also were natives of the county and spent their entire lives here, the mother passing away at the age of seventy-six years, and the father at the age of seventy-seven. The grandfather, also named Silas, and a native of Morris county, was a farmer by occupation, and the maternal grandfather was a chairmaker of Morristown. Our subject and his sister Harriet are now the only survivors in a family of eleven children. One brother, Miles Armstrong, served for three years as a Union soldier in the Civil war. The parents were members of the Presbyterian church and were people of the highest respectability.

Silas L. Armstrong was reared on the old family homestead, which is

now in his possession, and received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood. Before he had attained his majority he had learned the carriage-making trade, and, forming a partnership with his brother, carried on business on his farm for eight years, under the name of Armstrong Brothers, enjoying a good trade. In 1857 he began the manufacture of brick, and for forty years he has carried on operations along that line, building up one of the most extensive and important industries in the county. He began his work on a small scale, but his trade steadily increased, and his facilities were enlarged, so that at the present time he turns out about three million bricks annually, increasing this output from nine hundred thousand. His plant is splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery, and the quality of the product is such as to secure a continuance of a patronage once obtained. In connection with this enterprise Mr. Armstrong owns a valuable farm and carries on agricultural pursuits.

In 1859 was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Susan Overton, a native of Morris county. They now have four children: Addie, Eda, Elver and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, together with their eldest and youngest daughters, belong to the Methodist church. The Armstrong household is noted for its hospitality, and the friends of the family are many.

In early life Mr. Armstrong gave his political support to the Democracy, but on the outbreak of the Civil war he supported President Lincoln, and he has since voted the Republican ticket. He is a man of firm convictions and ever true to his belief. His business career has been one of the strictest honor, and his relations with his employes is ever fair and courteous, so that he has their highest respect and allegiance. In all life's relations he has been true to every trust reposed in him, and his support of all worthy measures for the public good has made him a valued and esteemed citizen of his native county.

SAMUEL M. HOPPING.

The subject of this review is the oldest representative of the family now living in Morris county, and was born March 22, 1822. His father was Charles Hopping, who was born on the old homestead, in 1796, attended the district schools and later learned the trade of blacksmith and conducted a shop in Hanover for some years. He also kept a hotel for a time, and in the later part of his career he followed farming. Having received a military training in the local militia of New Jersey, he was drafted for service in the war of 1812. Charles Hopping first married Miss Maria Merry, a daughter of Samuel Merry, one of the representative citizens of Morris county, and three children were born of this union, namely: Luther, Elizabeth A.

Wm Bartley.

and Samuel M. Mrs. Hopping died in 1822, and for his second wife he married Miss Mary Parker, a native of New York, whose parents came from Pompton Plains, Morris county. The children of this marriage comprised the following: Ann M., Margaret D., Mary N., Susan E., Emma and William H. Mr. Hopping's death occurred in 1880 and that of his wife in March, 1879. His father was John Hopping, of whom incidental mention will be found in another portion of this work.

Samuel M. Hopping was reared and educated at Hanover, New Jersey, and passed the days of his minority at home, assisting in the work of the farm. In 1847 he purchased his present place, consisting of one hundred and seventy-six acres, on which he has erected a substantial residence and outbuildings, and for the past fifty years has devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party, and has served as county freeholder, commissioner of appeals, attorney and in several other minor capacities. He is a man widely known throughout the county and enjoys that respect and consideration that are merited by every man of worth and integrity.

On the 3d of November, 1846, Mr. Hopping was united in marriage to Miss Susan E. Fish, a daughter of Nathan and Justine A. (Berthu) Fish, and a native of Morris county whose ancestors came from Long Island. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopping are as follows: Justine Elizabeth, Ellen F., Sumner S., married Eva Shipman, who bore him two children, Hattie E., and Florence C., who died on the 1st of July, 1892. Lucy M. and Jane E. (wife of Daniel M. Shipman, of Morris county, New Jersey.) The ancestors of Justine A. Berthu were of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Hopping are members of the Hanover Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM BARTLEY.

At no time or place do we find a large enterprise, carefully managed and running smoothly year after year, furnishing employment to numbers of men and proving a benefit alike to employer and employe, without finding back of it all a truly great man. Such a one is found in the subject of this sketch, William Bartley, who is at the head of the foundry and machine-shop industry in the town which bears his name,—Bartley, New Jersey. A review of his life is of interest in this connection, and is as follows:

William Bartley was born in Morris county, New Jersey, in close proximity to his present location, March 3, 1825. The Bartley family have long been residents of this country. John Bartley was a patriot in the American Revolution, and when not engaged in war was a prominent farmer, well known and highly respected. He was a resident of Somerset county, New

Jersey, where his son Hugh, the father of our subject, was born. Hugh Bartley, like his father, was a prominent farmer, a leading spirit in his locality, and was actively interested in the political affairs of his day. He was a colonel in the state militia during the days of training and drilling. He married Sarah Potter, a daughter of Samuel Potter, and the children born to them were as follows: Mary C., wife of J. S. Solomon; Jonathan; Samuel, who died at Princeton, Illinois; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Aaron Solomon; Hannah P.; William, the immediate subject of this review; and Hugh, Jr.

William Bartley passed his youth and early manhood on the old home farm, near the village of Bartley, and acquired the rudiments of his education in the country schools. His knowledge of books gained in the little country school-house has, year by year, been supplemented by that broader knowledge which is to be obtained only in the school of experience. He remained on the farm until he attained his majority. Then he engaged in the foundry business under the firm name of Bartley & King, near his present location, and was afterward in the same business at Pottersville, with one of the Potters, with whom he remained five years. At the end of this time he returned to the valley of his nativity and engaged in business for himself, erecting his first building for the purpose in 1861. As necessity demanded, he from time to time enlarged his plant until it assumed its present large proportions. To-day it is an enterprise of considerable importance to Morris county. Both the factory and the beautiful little hamlet of Bartley are monuments to our subject and reflect his progressive spirit.

Mr. Bartley is a Democrat, was at one time active in political matters in the township, and is an ex-freeholder of the same. Religiously he is a Presbyterian. He is an influential member of the church at Flanders and contributes largely to its support. Indeed, he is generous to a fault, giving freely of his means to any and all worthy causes.

Mr. Bartley was married in 1850 to Miss Almira Wolfe, daughter of Augustus Wolfe, and of their children we make brief record as follows: Samuel, who was born September 4, 1856, married Mary L. Slater, and has seven children—Edith, Eva, William, Helen, Mabel, Anna and Lila. Augustus H., who was born September 1, 1858, married Lizzie N. Sharp, and is the father of three children—Meta, Mary and Irenaeus P. William Blauvelt, the third child in order of birth, was born August 12, 1860, and died in infancy. Irenaeus P., the youngest child of our subject, was born December 9, 1861, and his death occurred in November, 1888. He was a promising young man, being a skilled civil engineer and draughtsman, and was connected with his father's establishment for some years. For about two years he held a responsible position with an important bridge concern at St. Joseph, Mis-

souri, after which he became associated with his father, as above stated. He was a young man of fine character and marked ability, and his untimely death was a great blow to those near and dear to him.

WILLIAM G. SHARP, D. D. S.

One of the progressive and well known members of the dental profession in Morristown, William Green Sharp was born at Budd Lake, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 6th of September, 1869, a son of John B. and Emma Louise (Green) Sharp, both of whom also were born in Morris county. Jesse N. Sharp, the grandfather of William G., was born in German Valley, Morris county, in 1815, and died in 1895. He was of German ancestry and his father, J. B. Sharp, was an early settler at German Valley. John B. Sharp died more than twenty years ago, and his widow married Dr. H. B. Andrews, of Morristown, in 1880, and is at present residing in this city.

William Green Sharp, whom this mention immediately concerns, was reared in Morris county, where his early educational discipline was obtained in the district schools, and supplemented by a course of study at Morris Academy. Upon leaving the latter institution he went to New York and entered the dental college connected with New York University, at which he was graduated in 1892. For a few years after receiving his diploma Dr. Sharp practiced his profession in Freehold, New Jersey, and then, in 1894, he returned to the county of his nativity, locating in Morristown, where he soon built up a remunerative practice and gained for himself an excellent reputation for his distinct ability in this line of enterprise. He is a bright young man, well versed in the technicalities of his calling, and brings to his work an enthusiasm and intellectual attainments that have placed him in the front rank among his fellow practitioners. He is a popular member of the New Jersey State Dental Association and the Central Dental Association.

LEWIS C. TOMPKINS.

One of the prominent and well-known business men of Morristown is Lewis C. Tompkins, who was born at Littleton, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 23d of October, 1843, a son of Uzal P. and Julia Ann (Christian) Tompkins, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather was Jonathan Tompkins, a representative of an old New Jersey family and a descendant of one of three brothers who emigrated from England to this country at an early day. Uzal P. Tompkins was a hatter by trade, but during the most of his life engaged in farming pursuits. He died in Morris county in 1863, aged about fifty-two years. Mrs. Tompkins departed this

life in 1893, in her seventy-eighth year. They were the parents of six children, namely: Elvira J., Theo D., Eliza S., deceased, George W., Lewis C., and Mary L., deceased.

Lewis C. Tompkins spent his early days in Littleton, acquiring his literary education in the public schools of that place. After leaving school he clerked for a while in a store. At the age of seventeen he left home to take up life on his own responsibility, and went to Rockaway, where he obtained a clerkship in a stove and tinware store, continuing to be thus employed for five years, and then came to Morristown, arriving here on the 1st of January, 1866. May 13, 1867, he entered the employ of J. M. Benjamin, dealer in stoves and tinware, with whom he remained until his (Benjamin's) death, in January, 1875, when he and William E. Welsh purchased the business, which they have since conducted at the old stand, No. 17 Market street. Although they began with little more capital than a good name and an excellent credit, which was theirs by reason of their known reliability and integrity in business circles, they soon acquired a large patronage, and success has attended their efforts in this line of enterprise. They occupy the place now owned by them, with a frontage of fifty-two feet and a depth of eighty feet, with two floors forty by eighty feet, and they carry a complete and varied stock of tin, sheet-iron and copper ware, parlor and cook stoves, furnaces and ranges, besides which they do plumbing, gas and steam fitting and tin and slate roofing; and the business done by this firm requires the employment of fourteen assistants, all of whom are competent in their respective departments.

In politics Mr. Tompkins is for the "best man." He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Morristown, and a leading officer in the Golden Star fraternity, holding now the second office in the order. He has been a member of the Baptist church for thirty-three years, and a trustee of the same for more than twenty years. He was married in 1866 to Miss Annie E. Vanderhoof, of Denville, New Jersey, and of their five children only two survive, J. Hayes and Frank E. The deceased children are Lena A., who died at the age of fourteen years; Roy Mills, who died at the age of ten, and May Eliza, who lived to the age of nine years.

JOHN W. HAYS.

For more than thirty years Mr. Hays was one of the leading contractors and builders of Morristown and a prominent factor in the progress and improvement of the locality, while a long ancestral history connects him with the period of early development in this section of the state. His honored father, Joseph P. Hays, who is still living, tells the story of the pioneer times,

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as related to him by the participants in the events. His grandfather, Abial Hays, was born about the year 1752, when "the colonies" were still in possession of Great Britain. As the years passed and the yoke of British oppression began to bear more heavily upon them, the spirit of resistance began to make itself manifest and at last resulted in an organized opposition known in history as the war of the Revolution. Deeply in sympathy with his fellow-colonists, Mr. Hays joined the American army and was made a colonel of a New Jersey regiment. At the battle of Springfield a record still extant tells how he manifested a spirit of bravery by rescuing a friend who had been shot. The account says: "At this time, as the army was approaching the meeting house, a Mr. Ball had stationed himself behind a shoeshop at the foot of Church hill, across the road, to watch the movements of the enemy. As he was looking from his hiding place to see how near they had come, a ball passed through his head and brought him to the ground. On the opposite side of the street Abial Hays and James W. Wade were secreted behind a shoe-shop and were witnesses to the fate of Mr. Ball. Not willing to see him suffering without offering assistance Mr. Hays crossed the street in the face of the enemy and carried away his companion under cover of the shop and house behind which the unhappy Ball had fallen, and bore him to the house where Joel Searing now resides, in Connecticut Farms." Colonel Hays died in 1824.

His son, West Hays, was born in Irvington, New Jersey, in 1781, and married Hannah Smith, a daughter of Stephen Smith, whose wife was a sister of James W. Wade, mentioned in the little Revolutionary incident given above. West Hays was a sawyer and weaver, following both occupations. To him and his wife were born the following named: Keturah, who married Thomas Day; Abbie; Sarah, who married Anson Traver; and Joseph P.

The father of our subject, Joseph P. Hays, was born in Irvington, New Jersey, January 13, 1809, and in early manhood went to Westfield, where he engaged in shoemaking for a number of years. He afterward established a grocery store, which he successfully conducted for some time, and later he carried on a grocery in Scotch Plains. In the year 1864 he entered the service of the government, in the quartermaster's department at Hilton Head, where he remained until the close of the war. In 1866 he came to Morristown and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the firm of Greenwood & Hays, serving in that capacity for fifteen years. He filled the office of justice of the peace and that of police justice in Morristown for some years and conducted the public business with that fairness and ripe judgment that can only come from an extended experience in dealing with men. He has now, at the age of eighty-nine, almost the vigor of a man in his prime, and his mental and physical faculties have withstood with remarkable strength the

inroads of time. His life spans a wonderful period. Even colonial history is familiar to him from the accounts of those who participated therein, and he has witnessed the wonderful progress of the republic, the introduction of the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone and the marvelous inventions relating to all the industrial arts. He has witnessed the downfall of slavery, great changes in governmental policy and wonderful advancement in science, letters and art. He has outlived all his boyhood associates and even the friends of his early manhood, and therefore has no one with whom he can review the scenes and events of the past, for the younger generation have newer and different interests. He has, however, the respect and high regard of many of Morristown's citizens, who enjoy hearing him relate his reminiscences of days of "auld lang syne."

Joseph P. Hays married Miss Maria Clark, eldest daughter of Ezekiel and Huma (Badgley) Clark. Mrs. Hays died in 1861, leaving the following children: John W.; Anna Eliza, wife of Joseph Blanchard; Abbie G., wife wife of Cornelius B. Willet; Joseph A.; William H.; and Kate M., widow of James A. North.

John W. Hays, whose name begins this article, is a worthy representative of an honored old family, and has added new dignity and luster to the untarnished name. He was born in Westfield, on the 29th of April, 1839, acquired a fair education in the public school, and when fourteen years of age began working on a farm. The following year he assisted his father in carrying on the grocery store in Scotch Plains, and when sixteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade with M. S. Dunn, of Scotch Plains. Having mastered the business, he worked as a journeyman in Newark for several years, and in 1863 located in Morristown, where he has since made his home. In 1865 the firm of Greenwood & Hays was established, and for thirty years it continued one of the most popular and reliable concerns in the city. They did a very successful and extensive business and many of the most important buildings in the city stand as monuments to their architectural and industrial skill. They received a liberal patronage and their fidelity in fulfilling the terms of a contract always insured them a continuance of the business of a patron. Mr. Hays was connected with the building interests of Morristown until 1895, when he withdrew from that enterprise, and is now with the real-estate department of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

He has been twice married. In 1859 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Eliza Tompkins, of Littleton, New Jersey, who died in 1866, and in 1868 he married Miss Eliza S. Tompkins, daughter of Usal Tompkins. She was called to the home beyond in 1895. The children of Mr. Hays are Joseph A., who married Clara Barrett; Eliza S., wife of D. A. Yauger, of Norwich,

Connecticut; Harry H.; Fred O., who married Phœbe Pierson; William B.; Lewis T. and John R.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hays is a Democrat, and is a prominent representative of his party. He has been honored with several offices,—has served as a member of the board of freeholders for four years, as a member of the town committee for three years, is a member of the Washington Association and belongs to Washington Engine Company, No. 1. Socially he is a Royal Arch Mason and in his religious connections is a Baptist. His life has been well spent and has been crowned with financial success and the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. His business career has been characterized by energy, enterprise and progressiveness, and by resolute purpose and close application he has worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life, in all its relations, is honorable and straightforward and commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

JESSE WEISE.

The subject of this review was born on the 20th of July, 1849, in German Valley, the place of his present residence. His childhood and youth were here passed, his business training was here received, and now he is numbered among the substantial and progressive merchants of the town. His father, the late John H. Weise, was for many years one of the most prominent characters in the valley. He operated a tannery and extensively carried on agricultural pursuits, owning land not only in New Jersey, but also in the state of Iowa. His well-conducted interests brought to him an excellent and desirable financial return. He married Margaret Weise, who, like himself, was of German lineage. Their children were: Edward, who resided for some years in German Valley, but is now deceased; Andrew; Marilda, widow of William R. Miller; Lawrence, who also has passed away; Henry; Elizabeth, wife of John T. Naughright; John; Jesse; Mary, wife of Jacob M. Weise, a resident of Morris Plains; and Jacob, who completes the family and is living in German Valley.

On his father's farm Jesse Weise spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He assisted in the labors of field and meadow, early becoming familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. However, not wishing to make the tilling of the soil a life work, he entered upon a mercantile experience when twenty years of age, accepting a clerkship in the store of his brother Edward, in German Valley, with whom he remained as an employe for ten years. During that time he mastered the business in every detail, learned the methods pursued in commercial life and the ethics which should govern the career of an honorable merchant. He also acquired,

besides this practical knowledge, a competence with which he resolved to engage in business on his own account, and purchased his brother's store. He is still conducting this enterprise, and is regarded as a safe, prosperous and conservative business man.

Mr. Weise was married, in German Valley, in September, 1881, the lady of his choice being Miss Ella A. Neighbour, a daughter of Silas and Lydia (Apgar) Neighbour, the latter a daughter of Frederick Apgar. Mr. Neighbour was a prominent and worthy farmer of this locality and a representative of one of the pioneer families of Hunterdon and Morris counties. His children are Mrs. Weise; Louise; and Stewart, who married Kate B. Hann.

LEVI D. BABBITT.

One of the thoroughgoing business men of Morristown, who has climbed the ladder of success and gathered the fruits of honorable, earnest toil, is Mr. Babbitt, the subject of this sketch. For forty-four years he has been a resident of his city, his name inseparably connected with commercial interests here. The salient points in his business career are resolute purpose, unflagging industry and unabating zeal, and to these are attributable the prosperity which crowns his life work.

In the Life and Memories of Charlotte Cushman is found the early history of the Babbitt family, from which we glean the following items: The Cushmans were among the Pilgrims, Robert Cushman being the founder of the family in the United States. Dr. Erasmus Babbitt was a leading physician of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and also a prominent citizen. In 1758 he married Mrs. Mary (Marcy) Remington, a daughter of Colonel Moses Marcy and a widow of Dr. Meshach Remington, the first physician in Sturbridge. The second child, Thomas Babbitt, graduated at Harvard in 1784, studying medicine under Dr. Warren in Boston. Erasmus Babbitt, Jr., his second son and third child, also graduated at Harvard, in 1790, studied law and married Mary Saunders, and they were the grandparents of Charlotte Cushman, her mother being the daughter of Mary Eliza, who married the seventh Elkanah Cushman, who was the father of the celebrated Charlotte.

Erasmus Babbitt, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, removed from Litchfield, Connecticut, to Morris county and engaged in the manufacture of nails in connection with work at the blacksmith's trade. He resided for many years in Mendham, New Jersey, and there passed away at the age of sixty years. He married Miss Elizabeth Banks, and their children were: Elias R., Sarah, Nancy, Martha, Ebenezer, Amzi A., John and James. The father of our subject, Elias R. Babbitt, was born in Mendham and for many

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years engaged in business there as a merchant tailor, also at No. 3 Chatham street, New York (was there in 1828); he did business for the grandfather of the present firm of Brooks Brothers, extensive manufacturers of clothing in New York city. He married Evelina Bailey, of Middletown, Connecticut, who had previously been married. Her first husband was William Lounsbury, of Stamford, Connecticut, and to them was born a son, William Lounsbury, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt were born six children: Joseph, George, Levi D., Louise, Eveline and Hampton M. The father was a Democrat in politics and a leading business man of Mendham. He died in 1850, at the age of fifty-seven years, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Levi Dayton Babbitt was born at Mendham, New Jersey, December 20, 1831, and remained in that place until twenty-two years of age, when he came to Morristown, where he has since made his home. He has always engaged in the clothing business, carries a large stock and has a splendidly equipped store. His long continuance in business here indicates his success and his standing in business circles. He commenced life with no capital save a good knowledge of tailoring and a laudable ambition to succeed, and has steadily worked his way upward to affluence.

Mr. Babbitt was married in 1868 to Miss Sarah M. Cramer, and their children are Horace A., William Dayton, Ella A., E. Nelson, P. Paul, George E. and Louise Evelina. In his political views Mr. Babbitt is a Democrat and has served as a member of the Morristown common council, of the township committee and of the board of education for seven years and would not serve longer. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the Memorial Association of Morristown.

WELLS LAWRENCE.

The well known citizen of Mendham whose name initiates this review belongs to one of the oldest families of Morris county. The ancestral home of the Lawrences, which is now his place of abode, was the birthplace of his great-grandfather, his grandfather, and his father, and there, on the 4th of March, 1843, he first opened his eyes to the light of day. The first two generations devoted their attention exclusively to the tilling of the soil, and took little part in public affairs aside from the faithful performance of their duties of citizenship. The grandfather was buried in the cemetery in Chester.

The father of our subject, Aaron Lawrence, was born in 1800 and died in 1873. He learned the carpenter's trade in Mendham and within the time

he prosecuted that business he passed two years in New York city. In middle life he returned to the old home farm and engaged in its cultivation until his life's labors were ended in death. From the time he attained his majority he gave his unwavering support to the principles of Democracy and voted for every presidential candidate with the exception of Horace Greeley, when he was endorsed by the Democrats in 1872. Mr. Lawrence married Miss Lydia Brown, of Chester, who died in 1889. Their children were: Arnold, who at one time served as a freeholder of Morris county and who died in 1896; Sarah J., wife of Theodore Burnett, of this county; Stephen, deceased; Jefferson, of Springfield, Ohio; David, of Kansas City, Kansas; William, who has departed this life; Augusta, deceased; Wells; Lemuel, deceased; James, who once served as freeholder of Morris county, and has now departed this life; Laura, wife of Marius Robinson, of Mendham; Elizabeth, wife of William Vandeveer; and Carrie, deceased wife of Wesley Burd, of Kansas City, Kansas.

Mr. Lawrence received but limited educational privileges. He attended the Mountain school to some extent during his youth, and when he had attained his majority he started westward, going to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming for nine years, near the village of Virden. He next went to Warrensburg, Missouri, where he joined a brother who was just starting for Texas. Going to the Lone Star state they took a contract for grading on the Southern Pacific Railroad, their work being between Sherman and Jefferson. In 1872, after a year spent in that work, they started northward, traveling by team, in company with Victor Hornbeck, driving to Warrensburg, Missouri, thence across the state to Alton, Illinois, then on to Springfield, Ohio, making a distance of seventeen hundred and fifty miles. From Springfield, Mr. Lawrence at once proceeded on his way to his old home in New Jersey and has since been identified with the interests of Morris county.

He has since been one of the most important factors in county politics, giving an unwavering allegiance to the principles of Democracy. He is always seen in the county and state convention halls and his advice and counsel carry much weight in the councils of his party. He was elected a member of the board of county freeholders in 1887 and again two years later, receiving a majority of one each time. At a third election he received a majority of twenty-two and for a fourth time was nominated for the office, but was defeated. In 1894 he was appointed by Governor Werts to a position on the board of prison inspectors, for a term of five years, and is now faithfully discharging the duties of that office. In 1893 Mr. Lawrence served as assistant bill clerk in the senate and assembly of New Jersey, having been appointed by the senate.

WILLIAM H. GRIMES.

A resident of Parsippany, Mr. Grimes is one of the leading builders of Hanover township. He was born September 20, 1849, in this locality, and his father, Henry Grimes, also claims Hanover township as the place of his nativity, his birth having there occurred on the 4th of March, 1807. He spent his life as a farmer and undertaker, and died in 1884. His political support was given the Republican party and he served his township as justice of the peace. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann E. Righter, was a daughter of Michael Righter, was born January 25, 1812, and died in March, 1894. Their children were: Eliza A., wife of S. H. Mackey, of New York city; Josiah Q., who died in the army during the Civil war; Jonathan C., who died in 1892; William H.; and Jesse, who died in childhood.

The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Casper Grimes, was born in Halseytown, Morris county, in 1773, and died in 1845. He was a blacksmith and farmer and spent his entire life near Parsippany. He married Miss Hulda Leonard, of Pinebrook, and to them were born six children, as follows: John, who was a physician; Jerusha, who married Samuel Marshall; Henry; James B.; Mary A., wife of Frederick Stone; and Stephen. In his youth William H. Grimes attended the public schools of Parsippany and later was a student in the high school of Boonton. As a life work he chose carpentering, and learned the trade under the direction of Charles F. Ogden, of Troy Hills. Almost as soon as he had completed his apprenticeship he began contracting, and for the past five years has been a member of the firm of Hopler & Grimes. Among the many buildings for which he has taken contracts and which have been erected under his supervision are the residences of Philip Lozier, Theodore Ringlieb, M. S. Condit and Monroe Howell, all of Boonton, and the church chapel at Parsippany, the residences of McEwan Brothers and Judge Wilson in Whippany, and the first opera house in Boonton. He is most reliable in all business transactions and his efficiency in his chosen calling, combined with his honorable business methods, has secured to him a large and constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Grimes was married May 30, 1877, to Miss Margaret Van Ness, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Pierson) Van Ness, and their home is blessed with the presence of three children: Henry; Allen K. and Norman V.

Mr. Grimes has taken quite an active part in political affairs in Hanover township and is an ardent advocate of Republican principles. On that ticket he was elected to the office of freeholder and by re-election was continued in that position for seven consecutive years. While a member of the board he served on the committee on miscellany, the insurance and lunacy committee, and during the last two years of his service was chairman of the court-

house and jail committee. His devotion to the public welfare makes him one of the valued citizens of the community and in the business and public life of Hanover township he is an important factor.

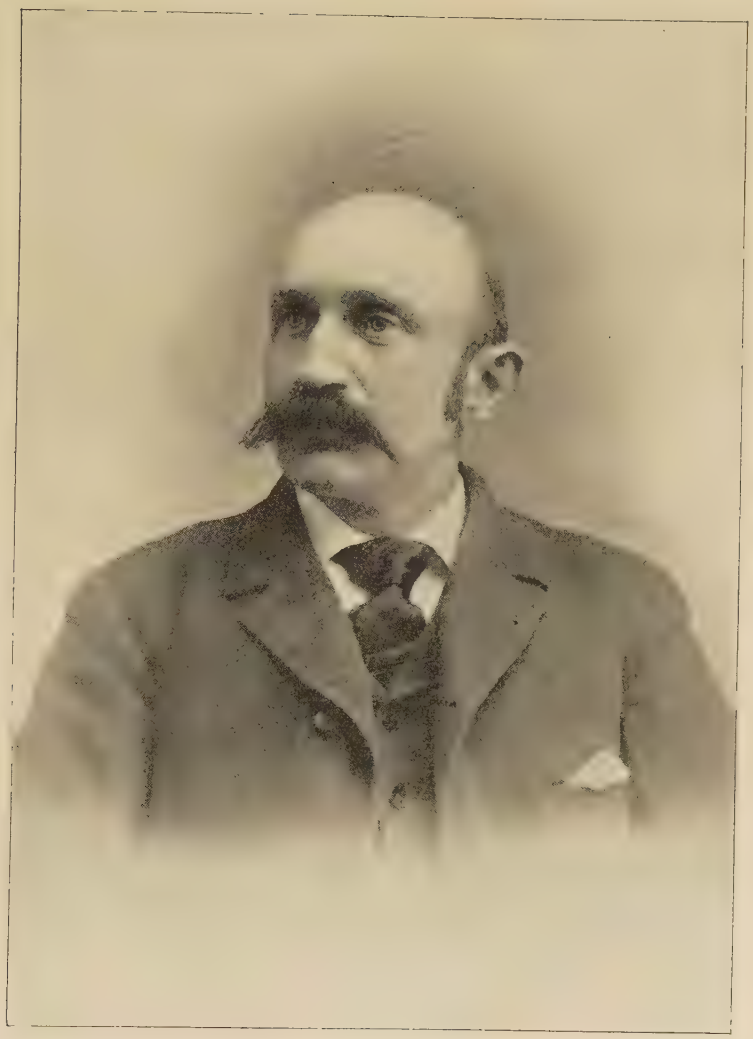
HON. ELIAS C. DRAKE.

Among the most loyal of the citizens of Morris county are many who are numbered among her native sons. From childhood they have been interested in her welfare and are now largely devoting the best years of their manhood to her progress and advancement. To this class belongs Mr. Drake, whose interest in his city, county and state is deep and earnest, springing from a true desire to promote all matters pertaining to its growth and improvement.

On a farm just north of the village of Chester, on the 15th of December, 1853, our subject first opened his eyes to the light of day, his parents being Simeon and Abbie Drake. His paternal grandfather was Elias Drake, a blacksmith by trade and a quiet, industrious citizen of this locality. Three of his children still survive: Mrs. Catherine Squier, Mrs. Charlotte Leek and Simeon. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Christopher Hildebrant, a son of Jacob Hildebrant, a representative of a family that removed from Hunterdon to Morris county. Simeon Drake is a prominent and well known farmer of Chester township, progressive, enterprising and reliable, and his standing in the community is high. By his marriage to Miss Abbie Hildebrant he had three children, namely: Nelson H., a surgeon in the United States navy; Elias C.; and John J., of Mt. Freedom, New Jersey.

Reared in the usual manner of farmer lads and educated in the district school, there was nothing out of the ordinary in the boyhood and youth of Elias C. Drake. He assisted in the labors of field and meadow, and his first business venture on his own account was the establishment of a general mercantile store in Chester, which he conducted for nine years. He met with good success in that undertaking and when he closed out in that line he embarked in the lumber business, which he has since profitably conducted. He has an extensive trade in this commodity and his honorable business dealing, careful management and untiring industry insure him a continuation of success.

In matters political, in Chester township, as well as throughout the entire county, Mr. Drake has long been a very important factor. Since twenty years of age he has exerted a wide influence in the councils of his party and is well fitted for leadership in this direction and the manipulation of the delicate machinery of political management. Democracy has ever



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found in him a stalwart advocate and on that ticket he has been chosen to a number of official positions. He has served his town as committeeman, as clerk and as assessor, and in 1884 and 1885 was elected to the lower house of the general assembly, where he labored earnestly in support of his views. As his party was in the minority his committee appointments were of an unimportant character, being confined to miscellaneous business and militia. In 1888 and 1889 he was engrossing clerk of the house and his work in that capacity earned for him the plaudits of his party and the congratulations of the opposition. In 1892 he was elected to the state senate and at that election was the only man in the state who led the presidential candidate in a single county, and this he did in Morris county to the extent of one hundred and thirty-eight votes. In the senate he was chairman of the committees on engrossed bills, lunatic asylums and reform schools for boys. He secured the passage of a bill repealing all game laws enacted within the past eighteen years, and also secured the passage of some bills of local importance. He was one of the most popular members of the senate, and was an industrious and untiring worker for his immediate constituents. He secured considerable legislation of direct benefit to the county, surpassing any previous senator in this respect.

Senator Drake was married in Chester, in 1878, to Miss Emma R. Burd, a daughter of Terry H. Burd, and they now have two children, John A. and Mabel V. Mr. Drake is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has taken the encampment degrees. He is a man of strong personal magnetism and attracts others to him by his sincerity and marked sympathy. He never forgets a friend and never loses one, but on the other hand has the happy faculty of drawing them nearer to him as the years go by.

WATSON B. MATTHEWS.

The efficient superintendent of the public schools of Madison is one of the successful educators of the state and has attained a wide reputation. His labors in Madison have greatly advanced the standard of education here and the school system is one of which Madison's residents may well be proud. Professor Matthews is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, in 1854. His parents, A. G. and Sally (Cook) Matthews, were natives of Connecticut, and the former was a woolen manufacturer, conducting that industry for a number of years. Later, however, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Pennsylvania.

In the public schools of his native county Watson B. Matthews obtained his elementary education and later received private instruction from the Rev. D. Cook. He spent two years as a student in Lafayette College, pursued

a business course, and also a course in the Normal School in Rome, Pennsylvania. Professor Matthews then turned his attention to educational work and for a time was connected with schools in Atlantic county. In 1892 he came to Madison to accept the position of superintendent here and has since served in that capactity, to the satisfaction of the public and to the great benefit of the school system. There had been hardly any attempt made to grade the schools here and with his experience in this line of work Mr. Matthews began the task of thus systematizing the work, which is now divided into the primary, intermediate and grammar departments and the high-school work, which embraces four years and includes both an English and Latin course. After graduation from this school, a student is fitted to enter the second year in the Normal School, and of the ten graduated in the class of 1895 several entered the Normal or became college students. The attendance has increased until now there is an enrollment of four hundred pupils and in all departments the school is doing excellent work as the result of the well-directed, practical and beneficial efforts of Professor Matthews, who is an able educator having the happy faculty of quickly and clearly imparting to others the knowledge that he has acquired.

In 1877 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Matthews and Miss Ella Potter, a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania. Their home is blessed with the presence of three children: Bertha, Raymond and Ester, and their household is the center of a cultured society circle.

EDWARD B. LEWIS.

Mr. Lewis is a general farmer and dairyman, of Randolph township, and is descended from one of the old New England families that was founded in America by emigrants from England during an early epoch in the history of this country. His great-grandfather, Edward, and his grandfather, David Lewis, were both heroes of the Revolution, who fought for the independence of the colonies. The latter built what is known as the old Lewis sawmill, the first in that part of Morris county. The father of our subject was Edward Lewis, a native of Randolph township, born in 1793. He made farming his life occupation and was one of the leading agriculturists of the community. In his political views he was a Democrat and in religious faith was a Methodist. His death occurred in 1871. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Lefever, was also a native of Randolph township, and died in 1864. Her father was James Lefever, one of the pioneer settlers of the community. By her marriage she had two sons, one of whom, David M. Lewis, is now a resident of Atlantic, Iowa.

The other, Edward B. Lewis, was reared on the old homestead belong-

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ing to his father and in the winter season was sent to the old Wolf school, where he acquired a fair knowledge of the English branches of learning. He continued under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he purchased the old homestead and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on his own account. He was united in marriage to Miss Phœbe T. Merchant, of Randolph township, Morris county, the second daughter of Daniel P. and Eliza (Cary) Merchant. Her father was one of the honored pioneers of this county and did most of his farming and teaming with ox teams. He improved the farm which is now owned by our subject, who has here about two hundred acres of rich and arable land, all under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Merchant died upon the old homestead in 1880, and his wife passed away in 1883, they having spent their last days with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. All who knew them held them in the highest regard and their friends were many.

In 1884 Mr. Lewis purchased the old Merchant homestead, and now has one of the best improved farms in his section of the county. He has erected large barns for the shelter of his horses and cows, and for a number of years he has successfully engaged in the dairy business, which he follows with success, having a large patronage in Dover. He follows the most advanced and progressive methods in the management of his farm and dairy, and in addition he has upon the place a good fish pond which is fed by never-failing springs. Mr. Lewis is assisted in his work by his younger son, Silas M., while the older son, David M., is living in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In his political views Mr. Lewis is a Democrat and has been honored with a number of local offices of trust, having served as township clerk, school trustee and treasurer of Randolph township, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and promptness. He and his family are members of the Mt. Freedom Presbyterian church, and are ever found on the side of all questions which tends toward the betterment of mankind.

JOSEPH D. BUDD.

Residing in Chester and holding official preferment as one of the assessors of the township, Mr. Budd was born in his home city on the 6th of September, 1857, and is a representative of one of the most prominent families in Morris county, a family whose long line of ancestors extends back to colonial history and embraces some of the leading local patriots of the war of the Revolution. John Budd, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, came from Westchester county, New York, and located at Black River, now Chester township, Morris county, in the early part of the eighteenth century. He was accompanied by a son, Daniel, the great-grandfather of Joseph D., who

was born in 1722 and died in 1806. He was the father of Colonel John Budd, who commanded a regiment of troops in the Revolutionary war, and at the conclusion of that international struggle he settled at Budd's Lake and was the founder of that branch of the family. His brother, Captain Joseph Budd, was captain of a company at Sandy Hook during our second war with Great Britain, and was born in 1774, his death taking place in 1827. His wife was a Miss Joanna Swazy, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary L'Estrange, was a descendant of French Huguenots.

Hon. Daniel Budd, son of Captain Joseph and Joanna (Swazy) Budd, was born June 8, 1809, and was a gentleman of exceptional natural endowments, possessing a strong intellect and a robust physique. His knowledge concerning all current subjects was full and complete, and his capability as an expounder of the doctrines of his party resulted in his being conceded the leader of Democracy in his part of the county. He was elected to the assembly and after an honorable career as a member of that distinguished body he was chosen state senator. In the senate he was chairman of the committee on appropriations. In his township he had served as freeholder for many years and wielded a commanding influence on the board. Mr. Budd was as successful in business matters as he was in politics and for many years he was engaged in the manufacture of malleable iron. He was a state director of the Camden & Amboy Railroad, and to him was due in a large measure the building of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western branch of railway to Chester. He possessed a philanthropic disposition, was kind and sympathetic in his treatment of the poor, in whose behalf his purse was ever open, and in 1869 he erected in Chester a ladies' boarding school which was a popular place for the education and training of young women for many years. Mr. Budd's death occurred on the 1st of June, 1873. On the 25th of February, 1847, he married Miss Mary Hunt, a daughter of John Hunt, of Sussex county, and of the children born of this union, two survive, Joseph D., the subject of this review, and Anna H., the wife of John D. Evans, of New York city.

Joseph D. Budd has passed his entire life in Chester, obtaining his mental discipline in the public schools and in Wilson Seminary, at East Hampton, Massachusetts. His preliminary business training was received in Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, after which his first venture on his own responsibility was to go to Jefferson City, Montana, where he held a clerkship for one year, after which he returned to Chester and engaged in merchandising. He continued in this line of endeavor for five years and then embarked in the stock-dealing business, combined with which he followed farming, and met with a high degree of success.

In his political faith Mr. Budd is an ardent advocate of Democracy, and

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has devoted his energies and talents to the support of his chosen party. He has on numerous occasions been associated with the town of Chester in an official way; he was elected collector in 1886, 1887 and 1888, and in 1897 he was chosen town assessor. He is a public-spirited citizen, alert and active in supporting all beneficent measures, and is accorded that distinguished consideration which is merited by all men who possess such exalted principles.

The marriage of Mr. Budd was solemnized on the 12th of June, 1878, when he became united to Miss Jennie Spencer, a daughter of William N. Spencer, and two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Budd, namely: Mary H. and Daniel S.

RICHARD BASSETT.

A general farmer and dairyman, proprietor of the Mine Hill Dairy farm, Mr. Bassett was born in St. Austell, Cornwall, England, October 7, 1847, a son of John and Mary (Ballin) Bassett. His father, also a native of that place, was a farmer by occupation. The grandfather was William Bassett and the great-grandfather was John Bassett.

The subject of this review was reared in the place of his nativity and received such educational advantages as the common schools there afforded. He continued upon the home farm until he had attained his majority, and in 1870 came to the United States, landing at New York on October 6, 1870. He came direct from that city to Dover and rented a small farm, within the city limits, comprising twenty acres. There he began the dairy business, having only seven cows. He remained on that farm for a year or two and then rented the Mine Hill farm, which at that time was part of an estate. It comprised eighty acres, and for nine years he rented the place, at the expiration of which time he purchased the property, and from time to time has extended its boundaries by additional purchase, until it now comprises two hundred and thirty acres. Much of this is under a high state of cultivation and the remainder is rich pasture land. Good fences divide the place into fields of convenient size, and commodious barns, sheds and other necessary outbuildings have been erected for the care of grain and stock and for the successful conduct of the dairy business. These were built under the special supervision of Mr. Bassett, who is most progressive. His stalls for his cows are splendidly arranged and are supplied with fresh sawdust every day. On an average he milks from forty to sixty cows and sells the products of the dairy to a large number of patrons in Dover. Since his embarkation in the business, a quarter of a century ago, his trade has constantly increased and bas brought to him a handsome income. He is also successfully engaged

in general farming, and follows most practical methods, as the result of which his farm presents a very neat and thrifty appearance.

September 21, 1870, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Opie, a native of England and a daughter of William and Catherine (Penall) Opie. She was born April 15, 1844. They now have a family of three sons: William J., born in September, 1872, is cashier of the George J. Goodrich Bakery Company, of Newark, New Jersey; Thomas O., born March 29, 1876, and Richard C., born July 21, 1878, who are assisting their father on the farm. The home is a pleasant residence, supplied with many modern improvements and conveniences. Mr. Bassett and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church of Mine Hill, and have the respect and esteem of their neighbors and friends. He has always been a liberal contributor to church and charitable enterprises.

PETER L. STRUBLE.

The ancestor of the American branch of this family was Peter Struble, a native of Strassburg, Germany, who came to this country with other Huguenots and soon afterward located in Sussex county, New Jersey, subsequently moving to Pennsylvania, where he was accidentally killed by being thrown from a colt. He was a remarkable man in many ways, spoke German, French and English, and lived to be one hundred and one years old. One of his sons was Leonard Struble, who was probably born in New Jersey, making his home in Sussex county, where he carried on farming. He was an educated man and, like his father, spoke German, French and English, and also taught school in this locality. He was the father of several sons, one of whom, Peter L., was born in Newton township, Sussex county, New Jersey, and was a cabinetmaker, but passed the last years of his life on a farm. His youngest son, Oliver, the father of our subject, has always followed agricultural pursuits and now resides on the old homestead in Newton township. He married Maria Shotwell, who was born in Augusta, Frankfort township, Sussex county, of English-Quaker parentage, and they became the parents of eight children.

Peter L. Struble passed his early youth on his father's farm, receiving a limited education at Mount Retirement Seminary. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-seventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and served ten months, and upon his return he accepted a clerkship in Sussex county and served in this capacity for seven years. In 1875 he came to Morristown and here became associated with George Fletcher Merrell in the undertaking business, this partnership continuing until the

death of Mr. Merrell, in December, 1896, since which time Mr. Struble has been successfully conducting the enterprise on his own responsibility.

Mr. Struble married Miss Nan E. Strade, a daughter of Joseph H. Strade, of Sussex county, and a member of one of the old New Jersey families. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Struble are: L. Grace and Alberta L.

MATTHIAS T. WELSH.

Many of the most important interests, business and otherwise, of the town of German Valley, New Jersey, have an able representative in the gentleman whose name forms the heading of this article, Matthias T. Welsh, who is known for his enterprise and business acumen.

Mr. Welsh is a native of "the valley" with which he is so prominently identified, having been born in the town of Middle Valley, July 27, 1857. His early years were passed at Middle Valley, where his father, the late John C. Welsh, was engaged in merchandising; and his education was obtained at one of the well known seats of learning in New England, Phillips' Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, of which he is a graduate with the class of 1880. During his vacations young Welsh devoted his time to assisting his brother in the store, and thus by the time he reached manhood he had acquired a knowledge of men and business as well as books. Soon after his graduation, in 1880, he engaged in the lumber and coal business on his own account, in German Valley, purchasing the interest of William Dalrymple & Son. For eleven years he dealt exclusively in lumber and coal, doing a prosperous and increasing business, and in 1894 he purchased property adjoining the station grounds, and added hardware and paints to his stock.

Mr. Welsh is also interested in banking and insurance. He is vice-president of the Hackettstown National Bank, with which he has been connected as a director for the past ten years, and of which he is now one of the heaviest stockholders; and he is also a member of the board of directors of the Morris County Insurance Company. A warm friend of the public schools and deeply interested in higher education, his influence has for years been of vital importance in educational lines. For the past twelve years he has been a member of the board of education of Washington township, and at this writing is president of the board.

Referring briefly to his family, we state that he was married September 1, 1882, to Miss Mary E., daughter of the late Jacob M. Hager and his wife, *née* Adaline Hunt. His four children are Christy, J. Miller, Harrison and an infant son.

JAMES LONERGAN.

As a well known contractor, Mr. Lonergan has for the past eighteen years been conspicuously identified with the building interests of Morristown. He is a native of Ireland, his birth having taken place in county Tipperary on the 13th of March, 1852, a son of James and Bridget (Kennedy) Lonergan. The father came to America with his family in 1853 and settled in Morristown, where he followed gardening until his death, which occurred June 1, 1876. His wife departed this life July 19, 1873. Their two children were our subject and Catharine, who became the wife of Thomas McCarty, of New York city, and now a resident of Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

James Lonergan was reared in Morristown, and there he attended the parochial schools until attaining his sixteenth year. The first money he ever had paid to him for services rendered came from a farmer, for whom he worked. After having spent one and one-half years in the plumbing trade with Thomas J. Fitch, of New York city, at the age of eighteen years he became apprenticed to the old-time contractors, Schenck & Young, and upon the completion of his term he worked as a journeyman during the ensuing eight years, after which he became associated with Mr. Brown, under the firm name of Lonergan & Brown, contractors. This partnership was continued until 1894, when it was dissolved, and since that time Mr. Lonergan has been conducting business on his own responsibility. A few of the best structures that display his handiwork are the Catholic school, Young Men's Catholic Association building, the Catholic rectory, the Memorial Hospital and the residences of Mr. Teabout, Thomas Bushnell and H. F. Taylor.

Mr. Lonergan is affiliated with the fraternal order known as the Knights of Honor, and he is an honorary member of the truck companies of Morristown. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, but does not take an active interest in party affairs other than to make use of his elective franchise and cast his ballot on election day.

The marriage of Mr. Lonergan was solemnized January 30, 1893, when he was united to Miss Mary Agnes McCarty, a daughter of John and Nora (McCarty) McCarty, and of their children two sons survive: James, who was born October 2, 1894; and John, whose birth occurred May 7, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty are devout members of the Church of the Assumption, Roman Catholic.

ALBERT BUNN.

Though well known as a successful and progressive farmer of Parker, Mr. Bunn has a still wider acquaintance in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which society he is a most active and valued worker. He was

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born in Washington township, Morris county, on the 19th of July, 1851, and is a son of the late George W. Bunn, one of the leading citizens of that locality, a representative agriculturist and an estimable gentleman. He was a native of the same locality, and received only such educational advantages as were afforded by the country schools of that time, but this was sufficient to enable a man of his native ability to conquer ordinary obstacles and carve out for himself a prosperous and honorable career. He was a leader in local Democratic politics and filled nearly all the offices in his township. After a busy and useful life he was called to his final rest January 6, 1880. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Malinda Eick, was a daughter of William and Mary (Crater) Eick. By her marriage she had three children, two of whom are still living: Albert and Mary E., wife of Elias Wack, of Milltown, New Jersey. Theodore, the eldest, died in early childhood.

Albert Bunn spent his boyhood days in Parker, and enjoyed such educational privileges as the common schools extended. At the age of sixteen he ceased to be a student, so far as actual attendance upon the daily sessions of the school was concerned, and took up the occupation of farming, having been familiar with this throughout his life. He was married on the 17th of September, 1873, to Miss Amy C. Pitney, a daughter of Robert D. Pitney, and located upon the farm which he now owns and cultivates. Three children came to bless their home, but Charles P., the eldest, is now deceased. The others are Grace A. and John D. In his farming operations Mr. Bunn has met with gratifying success. He is an indefatigable worker and his careful supervision of his place has made it one of the most thrifty and desirable farm properties in the locality.

Mr. Bunn has followed in the political footsteps of his father and has taken an active part in the management of Democratic affairs in his township. He was elected a member of the board of freeholders in 1888, and during his incumbency of that office was chairman of the committee on miscellaneous business. He has been a member of the county Democratic committee and is generally a delegate to the county and other conventions of his party. He was instrumental in securing the location of the postoffice at Parker, and has been a member of the board of education for some years, being an ardent advocate of the public-school system, which is one of the chief bulwarks of this nation.

Mr. Bunn is a very enthusiastic and consistent Odd Fellow, and exemplifies in his life the benevolent spirit of that fraternity. He joined the order on the 5th of March, 1883, at High Bridge, and after about four years withdrew from the lodge at that place and organized the Chester lodge, serving as its first noble grand. He was elected the same fall to represent that

lodge in the grand lodge. He was chosen recording secretary of the Chester lodge the same fall, and later was elected treasurer, which position he is still filling. He joined Clinton encampment at Clinton, New Jersey, in 1888, and immediately afterward withdrew and established the German Valley encampment, of which he was a charter member and the first chief patriarch. He was elected its representative to the grand encampment and was appointed sentinel, and the second year in the grand lodge he was a candidate for the office of grand junior warden. In 1892 he was elected to that office and thereafter passed all the chairs through the grand encampment and retired on the 16th of November, 1896, as grand chief patriarch. He has frequently made public addresses on Odd Fellowship in different parts of the state, and is regarded as one of the most zealous and exemplary members of the fraternity in New Jersey, being widely known among the brethren throughout the state. He is the first and only grand patriarch of the grand encampment of New Jersey from Morris county. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, having joined Fidelity Lodge, of Califon, on the 16th of February, 1891.

GEORGE W. SQUIRES.

As a representative of one of the old Jersey families and a well-known resident of Madison, there is manifest propriety in according Mr. Squires consideration in this compilation. He was born in the city which is still his home, on the 12th of November, 1860, his parents being George W. and Hulda (Day) Squires. The parents were both natives of Squiretown, Essex county, New Jersey, the father born July 30, 1825, and the mother born December 1, 1830. By this union were born four children: Hattie E., born May 10, 1852; John R., born December 27, 1854; George W., of this review, and Lillie G., born July 20, 1869. The last named became the wife of D. McDuggal, and Hattie married E. N. Condit. The father of this family was a carpenter by occupation, learning his trade in Newark, where he worked as a journeyman for some time. He then came to Madison, where he engaged in contracting and building and also conducted a livery stable, doing a good business. The records show that he also served as chief of police of Madison, and during the Civil war he loyally espoused the cause of the Union, going to the front as a member of the Fifth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years. His death occurred on the 7th of April, 1895, and his wife passed away on the 29th of April, 1888. The paternal grandparents of our subject, John R. and Abbie Squires, were long residents of this state, where the grandfather followed the occupation

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of farming. He was born in 1802 and died July 11, 1880, while his wife, who was born in 1803, passed away September 20, 1849.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth in Madison, the subject of this review attended the public schools and after attaining his majority he entered the employ of a transfer company in New York city, continuing in that position for seven years. He then returned to his native town and for twelve years has been in the employ of the express company at this point. He is one of the most faithful and trustworthy employes of the company, thoroughly reliable in all things and prompt in the discharge of his duties, while his uniform courtesy has made him one of the popular representatives of the corporation.

Mr. Squires was married February 4, 1883, to Miss Hattie Waters, a native of Madison and a daughter of John and Sarah (Carter) Waters, the former of Scotch descent and the latter belonging to one of the old families of New Jersey. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife, as follows: Edward, born August 7, 1885; Mabel, born January 16, 1888; Hattie, born November 2, 1891; and Ruby, the youngest. In his social elations Mr. Squires is connected with the Order of Foresters and the Royal Arcanum, and is also a member of the Madison fire department.

MARTIN H. BERRY.

A well known resident of Pompton Plains, Mr. Berry is descended from one of the early Dutch settlers of "the Plains" and his ancestors were among the patriots who gave an earnest support to the cause of the colonists, both at home and on the field of battle. In the days when New Jersey territory was first opening to the influences of civilization, Martin Berry located within the borders of the state, and in 1692 married Maria Roome, who also represented an old Holland family,—a pure-blooded, strong-minded, liberty-loving race of people, whose deeds, civil and military, mark them as worthy citizens and patriots. Martin Berry (2d), a son of that marriage, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1726, and in the manner of colonial days carried on farming. He married Elsie Mandeville, who also belonged to one of the old Dutch families, prominent at that time and now one of the most numerous families of New Jersey, its representatives still being leaders in public life. Martin Berry (3d), the grandfather of our subject, was born July 26, 1756, and died in 1852. He was educated in the language spoken by his parents, as well as the English tongue, and resided at Riverdale, Morris county, where his father probably located at the time of his marriage. The heavy taxes imposed upon the people and the indications that further oppression would be felt by the colonists through the

demands of the English crown aroused the opposition of the American subjects and the grandfather of Martin Berry was among the first to protest against such measures. When New Jersey sent forth her army of patriots to engage in the struggle for independence, he was among the number, nor did he lay down his arms until American independence was achieved.

When the new republic was an established fact he returned to his old home and resumed the quiet duties of civil life. Choosing carpentering as a life work, he spent seven years in mastering every branch then known to the wood-worker's art. He became an expert in that line and all the work which came from his hand was pronounced perfect by those who were judges of the craft. He married Elizabeth Mandeville, and among their children was Henry M. Berry, father of our subject. He, too, followed wood-working as a life occupation, and always lived on "the plains," where his death occurred in 1855. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hester Vandle, died in 1849. She was a daughter of Captain Vandle, who was also one of the patriots of the Revolution, and his valiant and loyal service in the American army won him an officer's commission. When the country no longer needed his services he located at the lower end of the Plains, where he spent his life as a blacksmith. To Henry and Hester (Vandle) Berry were born six children, as follows: Elizabeth, who was born in 1808, married Richard VanNess; John H. M., born in 1810, married Catherine Duffy, and after her death wedded Delia Duffy; Hannah, born in 1813, married Peter J. Brown; Rachel, born in 1815, married Jacob Doremus; Jane, born in 1818, became the wife of A. P. Roome, and after his death married Francis Thompson; and Martin H. completes the family.

It was on the 26th of September, 1826, that Martin H. Berry first opened his eyes to the light of day. He spent his youth on the old family homestead, and at the age of eighteen began working at the trade which had been the occupation of his ancestors. He served a two-years apprenticeship under Peter J. Brown, of Orange county, New York, and then completed the trade under the direction of David Bord, of New York city, after which he worked as a journeyman with the firm of Bord & Berry until the former's death, when he became a member of the firm of John H. M. Berry & Brother, with office at No. 60 Cliff street, New York city. Conspicuous examples of the work of this firm are shown in the buildings on the Lorillard estate and the St. George buildings at the corner of Cliff and Beekman streets, New York. The brothers carried on business together until 1892, when John H. M. Berry withdrew and Martin H. Berry admitted to a partnership his only son and child, Harry W. Berry, who has carried on the business since the father's retirement.

Mr. Berry was married on the 4th of May, 1859, at No. 155 Prince

street, New York, when Miss Catherine A. Kohler, daughter of Samuel and Jane Kohler, became his wife. She was born in September, 1838, and her death occurred on the 9th of June, 1886. Their son was born February 9, 1861, in New York city. He was trained to business pursuits under his father's direction and is now a prominent contractor, carrying on an extensive and well managed business. He was married, in 1879, to Miss Amelia Werner, of Brooklyn, and to them has been born a son, Albert Delature Berry, a clerk in the Market Fulton National Bank, of New York.

Mr. Berry, of this review, is a stanch Republican in politics, and an earnest member of the Dutch Reformed church. He believes that a man should have decided opinions on both questions, and he is fearless in the expression of his honest convictions. His political views make him a loyal citizen, his religious opinions an honest, upright man. He is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, for years of toil brought to him a handsome competence that now enables him to spend his declining days in the quiet enjoyment of the blessings of life.

ANDREW PHILHOWER.

The subject of this memoir was a man whose long and useful life was consecrated to all that was true and good, and his name will be held in lasting honor in the community where he lived and labored to goodly ends. For half a century he was one of the well-known and influential farmers of his locality, having during this entire interval occupied his fine farm near Middle Valley, Morris county. There is a marked consistency in according in this compilation a brief review of his life.

Mr. Philhower traced his ancestry back to Germany. Three brothers of the name of Philhower came from Germany to this country at an early day, and soon after landing here separated,—one settling in New Jersey, another at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the third at Reading, Pennsylvania. From the first is our subject descended, and this branch of the family have for the most part resided in New Jersey. John Philhower, the grandfather of our subject, lived in Revolutionary times and his brother Christopher was a patriot soldier in the American army. Philip Philhower, the father of Andrew, was in his day a member of the state militia. He was born in 1796 and died in 1878, and by occupation he was a farmer. He and his wife, Barbara, daughter of Jacob Teats, were the parents of the following named children: Andrew, whose name graces this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Daniel Sauers; Jesse; Rachel, deceased wife of Caspar C. Apgar; Philip, deceased; Elias; Jacob; Margaret, wife of Anthony Herzog; and David.

Andrew Philhower was born in Tewksbury township, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, September 21, 1818,—the same neigborhood in which his father was born. Here our subject was reared, with limited advantages, his opportunities for obtaining an education being confined to the subscription schools. At the age of twenty-five we find him engaged in burning brick and huckstering. These occupations he continued for a few years, and then he bought his farm of two hundred and eighteen acres, near Middle Valley, Morris county, to the cultivation and improvement of which he at once devoted his energies, and upon which he passed the remaining years of his life. In political adherency he was a Republican.

Mr. Philhower was married in 1847 to Miss Hannah Moore, daughter of John and Esther (McKinstry) Moore. Of the children born to them we record that Theodore married a Miss Walters; Mary is the wife of John Lance; Gertie is the wife of Willard Apgar; Nathaniel B. wedded a lady of his own name, Emma Philhower; Carrie is the wife of Daniel Fleming; and Jennie is Mrs. Sidney Lance.

Secure in the esteem and regard of those among whom the major portion of his life had been passed, Mr. Philhower was summoned into the eternal rest on the 9th of April, 1898, while his cherished and devoted wife soon followed him, her death occurring only two months later,—on the 2d of June. Mr. Philhower was a man of most sympathetic and kindly nature, and he never withheld his aid from those afflicted or distressed. His kindness was proverbial, and no better evidence of this is needed than that which is shown in the fact that, while he was at one time very well situated financially, yet so willing was he to assist his fellow men that he lost much of his accumulations through endorsing paper for his friends,—implying in many instances his being called upon to pay obligations which had been incurred only through his consent to assume them in a philanthropic way. That his confidence and faith were sometimes betrayed in this way can not be doubted, and yet, such was his inherent sympathy, that he did not repine at losses which came to him through extending assistance to those less fortunate than himself. His integrity was ever beyond question, and as a man among men all honor was accorded him. In his death the community lost a truly noble man and valued citizen.

DAVID S. BRINK.

A well known merchant and citizen of Morristown, Mr. Brink was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, on the 19th of November, 1839, and is a son of Thomas L. and Elizabeth (Thatcher) Brink. He is of Scotch descent, his ancestors having emigrated from the "land o' banks and

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braes" and settled in Hunterdon county many years ago. His father followed farming pursuits and our subject was reared on the old homestead, receiving his educational discipline in the district schools. At the age of nineteen he left the parental roof and began the battle of life on his own responsibility, learning the harness-maker's trade at Frenchtown, whence he came to Morristown, on the 4th of April, 1863, and here embarked in the harness business. For over thirty-five years he has successfully conducted an extensive establishment, dealing in harness and all kinds of supplies pertaining to horses, and he has attained prosperity and acquired a comfortable competency in this line of enterprise solely as the result of his individual efforts, his industry, perseverance, integrity of character, and strictly honorable business methods.

The marriage of Mr. Brink was consummated in 1871, when he was united to Miss Julia Welsh, of Germantown, New Jersey. She died in 1891, leaving one daughter, Ella M. Mr. Brink is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but he has never sought political preferment. He is an adherent of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown, and is highly respected by all who know him.

JOHN D. COLLINS.

Through thirty years' connection with the building interests of the city of Morristown, Mr. Collins has erected many fine buildings, which stand as evidence of his handiwork, and he is classed among those business men whose energy and enterprise have enabled them to overcome an adverse fate and secure for themselves a comfortable competence.

A native of the Emerald isle, Mr. Collins was born in county Cork, on the 24th of June, 1844, and spent there the days of his boyhood and youth. He had three brothers and a sister. The names of all the children in the family are as follows: Michael, who married and resides in London, England; James, married and at present residing in New York city; John D., our subject; Jeremiah, married and resided in New York city, where he died in 1896; and Ellen, who was the oldest of the children, left London in 1864, bound for Australia, but has not been since heard from.

When a young man of twenty-two years, Mr. Collins resolved to cross the Atlantic to the United States and seek amid new scenes that competence which incites the laudable ambition of all energetic young men. Accordingly, in 1866, he sailed for New York, and spent the first winter as a quarryman in Bradford county, Pennsylvania. The following year he entered the employ of the prominent old mason builder, Ellis Parcell, then engaged in the construction of the Drew Seminary, in Madison, New Jersey. He com-

pleted his apprenticeship at the trade under the direction of Mr. Parcell, and began contracting on his own account in October, 1873. He erected the Babbitt building and the J. B. Dickson mansion, in Morristown, and in Normandy Park the residences of Wheeler H. Peckham, Henry C. Howell, Henry P. Phipps, H. E. Woodward, Jesse L. Eddy and Thomas Pinckney. He was also the builder of the Young Men's Catholic Association building, half of St. Elizabeth's convent in Morristown, and the L. A. Thebaud residence at Morris Plains. In 1888 the citizens of Morris county contributed to the erection of a large stone memorial to mark a historic spot in the county,—the site of the famous Fort Nonsense, of the Revolutionary epoch. Here the Continental soldiers had thrown up breastworks of stone and rocks, and the embankments are still plainly visible. It was signally consistent that a proper entablature be created to designate this spot for all time, and the massive stone which has been placed upon the embankment has an appropriate inscription and stands in evidence of the patriotic spirit of the people of Morris county. To Mr. Collins was assigned the work of doing the masonry for the foundation of this historic memorial, and he may well take pride not only in the finished work, but in the part which was his to perform in the connection. In 1896 he built the celebrated St. Bartholomew school, near Morristown, completing the entire work in the brief period of ninety days.

Mr. Collins is an enthusiastic worker in the Catholic Benefit Legion, and is a firm believer in the efficiency of fraternal insurance. He is chancellor of Council No. 40, St. Columbanus, and in 1897 was sent as a delegate from that council to the state convention at Belleville, New Jersey, where he took an active interest in the advancement and enactment of such legislation as he believed would prove beneficial to the order. Fraternal insurance is the poor man's insurance, and realizing that fact Mr. Collins is ever working in the interest of the women and children who are unprotected by an insurance policy and who might be left widows and orphans by the sudden decease of the head of the family. On various occasions he has received the thanks of those whom death had thus bereaved and who were left provided for as a result of the influence and aid of Mr. Collins in that direction. He also holds an endowment policy in the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York city.

Mr. Collins has been married twice. At Madison, New Jersey, in 1867, he led to the marriage altar Miss Ann Casey, and the children by that marriage were Walter J., John D., Jr., J. Frank (an architect in the office of Robert C. Walsh, of Morristown), Mary D., Joseph P., James M., and Annie, who lost her life by being accidentally burned to death. Mrs. Collins died March 4, 1892, and June 19, 1893, Mr. Collins was united in marriage

with Bridget Anna Romayne, and the children by this marriage are Agnes and Paul Leo. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are devout members of the Roman Catholic church in Morristown.

LEO DeHART.

Engaged in the livery business in Madison, the subject of this sketch is carrying on an enterprise which has been conducted under the name of DeHart since 1838. He is well known in industrial circles here and is a representative of an old family of Morris county. His birth occurred in Madison January 7, 1852, and he traces his ancestry back to Moses DeHart, his great-grandfather, who was born July 15, 1763. The great-grandmother, Sophia DeHart, was born July 8, 1765, and died April 8, 1831, her husband departing this life August 13, 1833. Their children were Moses, Jr.; Samuel, born May 9, 1786; Joshua, born April 10, 1788; Edward, born September 13, 1790; Mary, born April 11, 1792; Abigail, born January 25, 1794; Aaron, born March 5, 1796; Rachel, born September 25, 1797; Edward, born September 13, 1799; Catherine, born August 17, 1801; William, born August 27, 1803; and Eliza, born October 28, 1810.

Moses DeHart, Jr., grandfather of our subject, was a veteran of the war of 1812. He wedded Mary Harris and their children were Luke, John, Mary, Albert, Phœbe, Elizabeth and Charles. The parents of our subject were Luke and Mary (Spencer) DeHart, both natives of Morris county, the former born March 7, 1805, the latter March 17, 1812. The father opened the first livery stable in Madison, in 1838, and carried on the business throughout the remainder of his life; his death occurred in 1889. His wife departed this life in 1886. They held membership in the Presbyterian church of Madison, and reared a family of seven children, as follows: George E., William, of East Madison, Anna Augusta, Mary E., Sarah L., Sanford and Leo.

Mr. DeHart, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in Madison and spent his boyhood days under the parental roof. In 1874 he was admitted to a partnership in his father's business, under the firm name of L. C. DeHart & Son, a connection that was continued until the father's death, since which time our subject has been alone in the conduct of the enterprise. He has a well appointed livery barn containing a number of fine carriages and horses, and his courteous treatment of his patrons, his honorable dealing and his well directed efforts have secured to him a large and profitable business.

Mr. DeHart is a valued and active member of the Masonic fraternity, in

which he attained the Knight Templar degree. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and is well informed on the issues of the day.

CHARLES. A. RATHBUN.

A well known member of the Morris county bar, Mr. Rathbun was born in Madison, Morris county, on the 7th of January, 1867, his parents being Amos C. and Phebe A. (Smith) Rathbun. The father, a native of Connecticut, was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that business for a period of nearly fifty years. He located in Madison about 1853 and there continued his residence up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1896, at the age of seventy-three years. During the last twelve years of his life he was engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, and in the undertaking met with good success. At the time of his demise he was serving as justice of the peace, a position which he had held for a quarter of a century, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. He was once coroner of Morris county and in 1864 was elected a member of the Madison school board, in which office he continued for twenty-one years, largely promoting the interests of the schools through his progressive and earnest labors. He was ever on the side of advancement and was prominently identified with all measures for the public welfare of Madison. In politics he was a stalwart Republican and did all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. In the family were six children, four of whom are now living. Mrs. Rathbun, who is a native of New Jersey, is also still living.

Charles A. Rathbun, whose name introduces this review, has always lived in Madison, and was educated in the public schools of that place. He began the study of law in December, 1884, under the direction of Hon. John B. Vreeland, and in June, 1889, was graduated from the Columbia College Law School, of New York city. At the June term of the New Jersey supreme court, in that year, he was admitted to the bar as an attorney at law, and three years later as a counselor. He began his professional career in the law office of Teese & Pitney, at Newark, opening an evening office in Madison. In May, 1897, he withdrew from his Newark office and came to Morristown, retaining, however, his Madison office and residence. Thus far he has met with a good success and his prospects are very encouraging. He is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and for several years has been an active worker in its behalf, but has never held any public office except that of counsel for the borough of Madison, to which office he was appointed in May, 1896, and which he still holds.

ELIAS M. BARTLES.

With qualifications such as insure success in business, Mr. Bartles holds to-day a place among the representative merchants of German Valley, but unlike many of our successful business men, he is not wholly wedded to the material things of life. He is broad-minded and of kindly nature, and his interest in those less fortunate than himself is deep and sincere. Such a man cannot fail to win the respect and confidence of the public, and such esteem Mr. Bartles enjoys in a large degree.

The Bartles family was founded in New Jersey by the great-grandfather of our subject, who located in Middlesex county, where he followed farming. He was of German descent. The grandfather, Andrew Bartles, was born in Middlesex county and married Catherine Plum. His death occurred in 1840, when he had reached the age of eighty-five years. His children were Frederick; Charles; Joseph; Henry; Eliza, who married Joseph Cornish; Phœbe, wife of George B. Stoderuff; and Julia. The father of our subject, Frederick Bartles, died in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1852. He was twice married, and our subject is one of the six children of the first marriage. Only two of this family are now living: Catherine, widow of Cornelius Messler, of Whitehouse, New Jersey; and Elias M. Those who died leaving heirs were John P., who left a son, Charles Bartles, of New Philadelphia, Ohio; Thomas, who died leaving a son, John Bartles, of the same place; and Andrew, who left five children—Henry, John, Alice, wife of Walter A. Coer, Edith and Olive, all living in Flemington, New Jersey, except Henry, who resides in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Elias M. Bartles, whose name begins this review, is a native of Tewksberry township, Hunterdon county, October 3, 1826, being the date of his birth. He spent his youth with his grandfather, Andrew Bartles, and acquired his education in the schools of New Germantown. He spent the greater part of his youth in assisting in the work of the farm, and on attaining his majority learned the trade of carriage-trimming in the village of Naughright, with William and Morris Naughright. For four years he followed that occupation and then began business on his own account as a huckster. His first outfit consisted of a one-horse wagon, which he drove through the valley, collecting his produce and marketing the same in Newark. In 1855 he went to Princeton, Illinois, and during his two-years residence there was engaged in the butchering business.

On the expiration of that period he again engaged in the business which he had abandoned on his removal to the west, and for seven years devoted his energies to that enterprise, in which he met with excellent success. The profits from that business enabled him at length to engage in merchandising

in Middle Valley, and in 1863 he purchased the stock of goods of J. C. Welsh, of that place, where he carried on trade in that line for seven years. He then sold out, removing to German Valley, where for five years he has been ranked among the progressive and enterprising merchants. He has a well appointed store, supplied with a carefully selected stock of everything found in that line, and his honorable business methods and uniform courtesy to his patrons have secured him a liberal trade. Nor have the efforts of Mr. Bartles been confined alone to one line of endeavor. He is a man of broad capability and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. During the building of the railroad through the valley he executed large contracts for furnishing supplies of timber to the Central Railroad of the New Jersey Company, and after the completion of the road he continued in the business and is one of the largest dealers in timber in east New Jersey. His chief patrons are the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, the Central of the New Jersey Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company. He is a director in the Hackettstown National Bank, in which institution he has been a stockholder for many years, and his associates in the bank and the business men throughout the valley regard him as a man of rare business foresight—capable, accurate and reliable.

Mr. Bartles was married August 26, 1848, to Miss Sophia Stryker, daughter of Martin Stryker, and, after a long and happy married life of forty years, she passed away July 29, 1888. Their children were: Henry P., deceased; Annie, wife of James A. Cartwright, of Newark, by whom she has four children,—Charles, Frank R., James A. and Anna; and Kate, wife of Floyd Woodhull, of Plainfield, New Jersey, their children being Leroy and Edson.

Mr. Bartles has always declined to become a candidate for public office, but in a quiet, earnest way has always supported the principles of the Republican party and is a firm believer in the measures which it advocates. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. He is generous and benevolent and never refuses to extend a helping hand to a deserving one whom misfortune has treated harshly. He is thoroughly representative of the best citizenship of Morris county, which has been made what it is by the most sterling men that the state has produced.

MATHIAS M. COOK.

Agricultural interests claim the time and attention of Mr. Cook, who resides in the town of Hanover, where his birth occurred on the 17th of March, 1825. He is the fourth generation of the family living at this place. His father, John Cook, was born in 1787, and died in 1864. He followed the occupation of farming and was a well known citizen of this locality,

always called by the title of "captain." He was identified with the Masonic fraternity.

On the old family homestead Mathias M. Cook spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired his elementary education in the common schools, and later attended the Rensselaer Institute, in Troy, New York. On laying aside his text-books he began farming on his own account and is now the owner of a valuable farm, comprising two hundred acres of rich and arable land, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation and yields to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and cultivation he bestows upon it.

The Cook family have always been connected with the Presbyterian church, and in political faith our subject is a Republican, warmly advocating the party principles. He is one of the active and wide-awake farmers of Hanover township and a well known citizen of the county.

CARLTON L. DOBBINS, D. D. S.

For twelve years Dr. Dobbins has been a member of the dental profession of Morristown, and he has gained an enviable distinction as a successful practitioner. He is a native of Burlington county, New Jersey, born at Mount Holly, on the 24th of October, 1863, a son of John H. and Catharine B. (Milbine) Dobbins, who were also natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather of the Doctor, Samuel A. Dobbins, served as sheriff of Burlington county during the war of the Rebellion, and later was a member of congress for two terms, ably representing his district in the council chambers of the nation. The Doctor's parents now reside in Mount Holly, where the father is engaged in the banking business.

Dr. Dobbins spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native town, his time being given to the duties of the school-room and the pleasures of the playground. Having acquired a good literary education on which to rest a professional training, he matriculated in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in February, 1885, on the completion of a thorough and comprehensive course, which well fitted him for his work. He came immediately to Morristown, where he has since been engaged in practice. He has a liberal and constantly increasing patronage, for his ability commands the public confidence, his superior workmanship ranking him among the leaders in the profession in Morris county. He followed the most improved methods, and has his office supplied with the most modern equipment and facilities.

In the year 1886 the Doctor was united in marriage to Miss Hannah

Annes, of Morristown. They hold a high position in social circles, and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while the Doctor is a member of the Independent Hose Company, of the Morristown fire department.

GILES E. MILLER.

A prominent citizen of Hanover township is Mr. Miller, the efficient steward of the county poor farm of Morris county and has been an important factor in the administration of public affairs. His standing as a citizen is among the best and his fidelity to duty is above question. One of the native sons of Morris county, he was born at the ancestral home of the Miller family, on the old Boonton road, March 20, 1841. His grandfather, John F. Miller, who was born April 28, 1754, was the first to occupy the homestead, and in addition to the cultivation of his land he carried on blacksmithing. He married Jemimah Wiggins, who was born September 4, 1761, and they became the parents of twelve children, of whom Aaron Miller, father of our subject, was the youngest. He was born on the old homestead and throughout his life carried on agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the militia company in the old days when they used to train and was an upright and honorable citizen. Born on the 30th of March, 1804, he died August 30, 1868, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife was Lydia, daughter of Nicholas Romine, who was born December 24, 1773. Mrs. Miller was born February 22, 1801, and her death occurred on the 13th of May, 1871. Her children were: Lewis, deceased; Nicholas, a resident of Orange; Jane and Delie, who have also passed away; Matilda, deceased wife of Robert Campbell; Mary Ann, deceased; John R., of Newark; Giles E.; and Aaron W., who is also a resident of Newark.

Giles Edward Miller was reared to manhood on the old homestead, which he now owns. He attended the public schools of the neighborhood, and through the summer months assisted in the development and cultivation of the farm, so that when he began farming on his own account he was well fitted for the work by practical experience. His place is well improved, is neat and thrifty in appearance and is furnished with all conveniences and accessories.

Mr. Miller has been twice married. On the 28th of February, 1863, he wedded Miss Gertrude Amelia Condit, a daughter of John E. Condit, and in February, 1868, he was called upon to mourn the death of his wife. His second marriage occurred September 18, 1869, Miss Margaret Lish, daughter of Seeley Lish, formerly of Sussex county, New Jersey, becoming his wife. Their union was blessed with six children, but only three are now living, namely: Mary A., who was born July 29, 1870, and is the wife of Harry

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O'Niell, of Orange; Bertha C. and Herbert R., twins, born May 29, 1876. Those who have passed away are Harry C., who was born July 1, 1873, and died February 12, 1883; Myra V., who was born January 3, 1875, and died February 10, 1883; and Giles E., born April 7, 1880, and died February 11, 1883. The three deaths came within three days, bringing the greatest sorrow and gloom to the happy household.

Mr. Miller is a Democrat in his political views and formerly took a very active part in the work of the party, but since his appointment as steward of the poor farm he has given his attention entirely to the administration of the duties of his office. He, however, believes most firmly in the principles of Democracy, but will not allow his views to bias his official acts. He takes a very deep interest in the cause of education, and for eighteen years served as trustee of the schools, and for ten years was clerk of the board. He was appointed steward of the poor farm April 1, 1886, and has since filled that position, during which time he has made many excellent improvements in the institution and in the care of the inmates. His administration has been repeatedly endorsed by his various reappointments by the board of freeholders, which at times has been Republican and again Democratic.

WASHINGTON S. BOND.

The subject of their review is a native of Chatham, his birth having occurred on the 20th of May, 1851. He traces his ancestry back through several generations to Thomas Bond, who was born in Oak Ridge, New Jersey, on the 9th of August, 1766, being probably of English extraction. He afterward moved to Chatham and purchased one hundred and forty acres of land, which he transformed into an excellent farm, continuing its cultivation until his death. He also followed the occupation of weaving. The dwelling, erected one hundred and thirty years ago, has since been in the possession of his descendants and is now owned by our subject. Thomas Bond was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Bower, and to them was born one son, Maxwell L. After the death of his first wife Mr. Bond married Delia Goff.

Maxwell L. Bond was born on the home farm near Chatham and died in Jersey, Ohio, in 1871, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His first wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Harris. She died September 4, 1823, and their only child was Barnabas B. Bond, father of our subject, who was born in Chatham, May 10, 1822. Maxwell Bond married Rebekah Dennis, in 1828, and had four sons and two daughters. In youth Maxwell Bond learned the painter's trade, which he followed throughout the greater part of his life. Barnabas B. Bond was reared to the occupation of farming and

always devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his land. He married Charlotte Squier, a daughter of George W. Squier, a representative of one of New Jersey's old families. He died March 22, 1897, after a long, useful and honorable life. His children were, in addition to the immediate subject of this sketch, Washington S. who is living in Chatham; Thomas Bruen and Mary Baker, both deceased; and Maria, at home.

The subject of this review has spent his entire life on the ancestral farm of the Bond family. He was reared under the parental roof and early trained to habits of industry. In his childhood he began to assist in the labors of the field and continued to aid his father until the death of the latter, when he succeeded to the management of the property, which was eventually sold.

In public affairs Mr. Bond takes quite an active interest, is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and is a valued member of a number of local societies.

DANIEL E. WHITE.

A well known florist of Afton, Mr. White is associated with his brothers, James and Frederick White, in the cultivation of roses for the New York market. This business was established by their father, John H. White, a native of Ireland, born October 20, 1829, the son of John and Honora (Hallahan) White, both of whom were natives of Tipperary county, Ireland. He spent his early youth on the Emerald Isle, but when sixteen years of age bade adieu to home and country and sailed for America. He made his first location in Newark, New Jersey, where he engaged in clerking for a time. He then came to Afton, where he secured a situation in a nursery and after working for others for a considerable period he established a fine peach orchard of his own and for some years engaged in the cultivation of that fruit, which enterprise he successfully followed until 1880. That year witnessed the establishment of the business which is now carried on by his three sons.

John H. White was married February 4, 1854, at St. Vincent Roman Catholic church, at Madison, New Jersey, to Miss Mary J. Fraher, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when about eighteen years of age. She was born September 18, 1830, being the daughter of John and Mary Fraher. Mr. and Mrs. John H. White became the parents of five children: Mary A., Ella J., James L. Daniel E. and Frederick. The parents held membership in the Catholic church and reared their family in that faith. The father died on the 17th of September, 1886, and his wife passed to the eternal home above September 27, 1892. Mr. White was a Democrat in his political predilections, always casting his ballot for the men and measures of that party.

Upon the death of the father his three sons succeeded to the business.

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They had previously served as his assistants and had thus become well acquainted with the work in its various departments. They make a specialty of the cultivation of roses for the New York market and have some of the finest varieties of the "queen of flowers" to be found in the country. Their greenhouses are extensive and splendidly adapted for the purposes for which they are used. They have upward of twenty-five thousand feet under glass, and their fine plants, with their many-colored blossoms, present a most beautiful and delightful picture. They have a liberal New York patronage and their business is bringing to them excellent financial returns. The brothers are all men of good business ability, energetic, enterprising and progressive, constantly watching to find some new methods to improve their plants and add to the varieties, and all these qualities have secured them a patronage which is indeed enviable. The sons, as well as their father, have done considerable toward the progress and development of their particular line of enterprise in their neighborhood. The children are members of the St. Vincent Roman Catholic church, at Madison, New Jersey. James L. White, brother of our subject, was united in marriage, June 23, 1897, to Agnes Penney, of New York city.

MAHLON COLE.

One of the well known and prominent agriculturists of Morris county, Mahlon Cole, was born at Basking Ridge, Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 11th of September, 1840. He is a son of James and Mary (Ditmars) Cole, the former of whom was born near Peapack and followed farming as his vocation in life. He was a thoroughly representative citizen; in his politics he was a stanch Democrat, having once been a member of the board of freeholders, and he passed the latter years of his life near the village of Mendham, where he died in 1871, at the age of fifty-eight years. His father was Isaiah Cole, a native of Somerset county, where he was a prominent farmer. He died at the advanced age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Cole was a daughter of James Ditmars and died in 1862, being survived by the following children: Julia A., who became the wife of William Menagh, of Mendham; Mahlon, our subject; Angeline, who married John P. Robertson, of Newark, New Jersey; and Harvey.

Mahlon Cole attended the common schools and upon attaining manhood he engaged in the same occupation as that followed by his father. After his marriage he established himself upon the old homestead, and has since made that his residence. February 24, 1864, he became united in marriage to Miss Nancy J. Van Nest, a daughter of Henry D. and Jane (Beekman) Van Nest. The latter was one of Mendham's prosperous farmers and

reliable citizens, who married Miss Jane Beekman, and became the father of nine children. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cole are: Lavinia, the wife of Emanuel Day, of Morristown, and Miss Nellie Cole. Mr. Cole is a member of the First Presbyterian church, of Mendham, of which he has for some time been an elder. In his political adherency he renders stanch support to the cause of the Prohibition party.

GEORGE H. BROWN.

A newsboy on the streets of New York, a leading business man of the city of Morristown, is the summary of the life record of this gentleman. By selling newspapers and matches on the streets of the metropolis Mr. Brown earned his livelihood in the days of his early youth; to-day he is the efficient superintendent of the Morristown Gas Light Company. The history of the intervening years shows a continuous struggle to overcome the difficulties in his path, and a continuous advancement in life, owing to his energy, his firm determination and his honorable methods. He is possessed of a resolute purpose and enterprising spirit that has enabled him to turn defeat into victory and promised failures into brilliant successes, and thus has he won a place foremost among the business men of Morristown, in the business life of which city he is now regarded as a valued factor.

Mr. Brown was born in the city of New York, February 16, 1860, a son of William and Mary J. (Hull) Brown. His maternal grandfather was a master ship-builder in the Brooklyn navy yard for thirty years. In his father's family were ten children, but only two are now living,—George H. and his sister, Mrs. Frederick Egner, of Norfolk, Virginia. George H. Brown was denied the advantages of a good common-school education and was forced, by lack of means within his home, to sell matches and papers on the streets of New York to supply himself with the necessities of life. At the early age of twelve years he went into the United States Navy, aboard the school ship St. Mary's, then stationed in New York city and maintained by both the New York board of education and the federal government. After leaving that vessel he was engaged with the Sutton & Company packet line to San Francisco, California, for eight years, closing his services as first officer of the clipper ship Samuel Watts, plying between the United States and Europe in the grain and general merchandising trade.

When twenty years of age Mr. Brown left the water and began learning the gas business at Norfolk, Virginia, but soon returned to the sea, joining, at New York, the crew of the Guyandotte, a vessel belonging to the Old Dominion Steamship Company. Circumstances, however, forced him to return to the land in a short time, and he entered the service of the Metro-

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politan Gas Company, in New York city. Later he was employed by A. O. Granger & Company, builders of water-gas apparatus, and was stationed at Coney Island, as superintendent of the Coney Island Gas Light Company. He next went to Chicago, where for five years he was employed as bookkeeper by the Illinois Light, Heat & Power Company. On the expiration of that period he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and became superintendent of the Laclede Gas Company. Upon his return to New York he engaged for a short time with the Standard Gas Company, and then went to the Central Gas Company, acting in the capacity of superintendent of the construction of the foundations for their oil tanks on the docks. In January, 1892, he came to Morristown, and has since acceptably and efficiently served as superintendent of the Morristown Gas Light Company.

While residing in Chicago Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Emma E. Young, on the 1st of June, 1888, and their union has been blessed with four children: Frederick E., George H., Louis J., and Marietta, who died, aged one year. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have made many friends in Morristown, and have the high regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact. They are both members of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown.

MERRITT B. LUM.

As the progress or prosperity of a nation is the result of the aggregate endeavor of its individual citizens, so the history of a nation, in either a general or restricted sense, is the record of the aggregate achievements of its people. Biography thus becomes the very foundation upon which must rest all general history. The importance of making permanent record of the life of men who are worthy of such distinction can not be overestimated. The mere acquisition of wealth is, in itself, a fact scarcely deserving of mention by the historian. It is in the distribution of wealth that its power for good or evil lies. The individual who, even through private enterprise, applies his abilities and acquisitions to the betterment of mankind is a public benefactor, and is deserving of all praise. The subject of this review is one of the representative citizens of Morris county, has labored indefatigably for the promotion of its best interests and has had a potent influence upon its progress in many directions, being clearly entitled to distinct representation in this compilation.

A native son of the attractive village of which he is still an honored resident, Merritt B. Lum was born in Chatham, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 28th of January, 1851, being the son of Harvey M. and Phebe (Bruen) Lum, each a representative of old and prominent families of the state, the

father having been for many years a well known and successful carpenter and builder of Chatham. Our subject completed his more purely theoretical education in a select school of high grade, in Chatham, after which he began the active duties of life by serving an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, under the careful and efficient direction of his honored father. Becoming himself a capable workman in due course of time, he engaged in business upon his own responsibility, and has ever since been conspicuously identified with the building interests of the county, having been for many years recognized as the leading contractor and builder of this section of Morris county.

Among the more prominent buildings which he has erected may be mentioned the Fairview Hotel, at Chatham; the Congregational church at Stanley; the Stanley Felt Mills; paddock stables for Edward Kelly, of Morristown; and many of the beautiful homes of Chatham. Mr. Lum is firm in his convictions and adheres strictly to the principles which represent the true ethics of life,—principles broad in their humanitarianism, but rigid in their application. He has made it a rule never to give a note and to always meet his obligations when due, and when the fact is taken into consideration that his annual business operations reach an average aggregate of about thirty thousand dollars this fact is the more significant. That his success in life has not made him unmindful of others has been shown in countless ways. He has long made it a portion of his business policy to extend financial loans to worthy persons in an individual way, and many men who were otherwise prevented from securing homes have been effectually aided by Mr. Lum, who has built houses for them and taken his pay on the installment plan. His kindness and charity are such that he never presses a creditor who is unfortunate or unable to promptly meet his obligations. This is the sort of aid which the true man wishes to extend and to receive, for the one is not giving indiscriminately and the other finds his dignity in no degree compromised or infringed.

Mr. Lum's pronounced energy and public spirit have naturally brought him forward as the incumbent of positions of trust and responsibility, and his character is such that he has gained and retained the respect and confidence of all who know him. He is now serving his sixth term on the board of chosen freeholders of Morris county, having for the past three years been director of the board, in which connection he was chosen over a strong and able opponent. A stanch advocate of the good roads, and realizing how great a benefit correct provisions in this line are to any section, he introduced a bill for the macadamizing of roads throughout the county, and though at the start only two other members of the board were in sympathy with and accorded support to the measure, he made a vigorous fight for the same, and by his cogent arguments and firm stand eventually secured the passage of

the bill, and the fine roads of the county will stand in evidence of his wise judgment, which all are willing to concede as such since the improvements have been made. For six years Mr. Lum served on the township committee, and his efforts as an official in this line were equally enterprising and efficacious. In his political affiliations he is a stalwart adherent of the Republican party, in the support of whose cause he has long been actively arrayed.

Fraternally Mr. Lum is identified with the North Jersey Council, No. 1181, Royal Arcanum, of which he is past regent. He was one of the organizers and is a prominent member of the Chatham Fish & Game Protective Association, whose beautiful club house was erected by him. He is president of the Madison Land Improvement Company, and in many other ways is identified with enterprises which have bearing upon the stable prosperity of the county. His religious views are those of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a member.

On the 17th of September, 1873, Mr. Lum was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Genung, a daughter of William L. Genung. She was born in Afton, Morris county, and her death occurred in 1886. Shortly after this bereavement came to Mr. Lum he made an extended trip through the west, visiting every city of importance and also Alaska, where he visited Sitka, Juneau, Douglas and Chilkoot, his sojourn being protracted over a period of seven months. In 1888 he consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Valeria Best, a daughter of Seymour Best, of Hudson, New York.

JAMES H. HOPLER.

Senior member of the firm of Hopler & Grimes, contractors and builders of Boonton, our subject was born in Morris county, November 18, 1839, and has spent his entire life within five miles of his present home. The Hopler family is of Dutch origin, but was early founded in New Jersey. The grandfather of our subject, Conrad Hopler, spent his entire life in Rockaway township, Morris county, where he followed the occupation of farming and was once steward of the poor farm of his county. He was twice married and his children were William, Samuel, Mahlon and Chilion (twins), Peter, Frederick, Morris, and Charles, of Dover, who married Sarah Van Horn.

Mahlon Hopler, the father of our subject, was born in Rockaway Valley, Morris county, in 1813, and died in 1850. He was a shoemaker by trade and spent his entire life in Montville or its vicinity. He married Sarah Ann Peer, daughter of Cornelius Peer, and to them were born the following children: Delia, who was born in October, 1837, and married William E. Davenport; James H.; Alfred B., who was born in January, 1841, and mar-

ried Fannie Vanderhoof; William B., who was born in February, 1844, and died in Troy, Kansas. After the death of her husband Mrs. Hopler married his half-brother, Peter Hopler, and the children of that marriage were: Margaret, who was born in 1853 and married Andrew Kincaid, of Rockaway Valley; Frances, who was born in 1856, and is the wife of Thomas Cusick, of Boonton; Martin, who was born in 1859 and is a farmer near Parsippany.

When James H. Hopler had completed his education, acquired in the common schools, he began to learn the trade of carpentering, in 1856, under the tuition of William E. Davenport, and has pursued that occupation in Boonton and vicinity for more than forty years. Many of the best buildings in this section of the county stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise and as evidences of his handiwork. These include the residences of Frank Bloxam, W. W. Riddle, John A. Wardell, Frank Husk, George Lyons, Jacob Vreeland, James Ringlieb, Mrs. Worman, Mrs. Martin, John Booth, William Brown, I. L. Lefferts, David Dawson and Jacob Van Ness,—all in Boonton.

During the earlier years of his business career, the labors of Mr. Hopler were interrupted by his service in the Union army. In September, 1861, he responded to the first call for three hundred thousand men, and enlisted in Battery B, commanded by John E. Beam. Mustered in at Trenton, the company then went by water from Alexandria, Virginia, to Fortress Monroe for operation in the Peninsular campaign, and participated in all the many engagements of that movement. When the campaign was ended the battery to which Mr. Hopler belonged was ordered back to Alexandria and took part in the second battle of Bull Run. Remaining in Virginia until Lee's invasion of the north, the command then joined the vast army that opposed the Confederates at Gettysburg, and after the defeat of the rebels there followed the shattered army of northern Virginia into its own domains and aided in dealing the death blows to the Confederacy in the battles of the Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor and Spottsylvania Court House. The last engagement in which Mr. Hopler participated was at Jerusalem Plank Road, after which, with his command, he was stationed at Petersburg until the term of his enlistment had expired and he was honorably discharged.

On the 6th of May, 1865, soon after his return home, Mr. Hopler was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Pierson, daughter of John M. and Lucretia (Ocboc) Pierson. Her parents had a family of nine children, as follows: Sarah, widow of Jacob Emmons, of Oxford, New Jersey; David John, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary A., widow of James Van Ness, of Powerville; George Frederick, of Dover; Abraham, who died in Wisconsin; Phœbe Louisa, widow of Daniel Peer, of Taylortown, New Jersey; Susan E.; Nancy Amelia, who married Abraham Vreeland, of Boonton; and Mrs. Hopler.

To our subject and his wife have been born six children, namely: Bertha, who was born December 25, 1865, and is the wife of Lewis G. Gallagher, by whom she has one son, Harvey L.; Flora L., who was born January 22, 1869, and is the wife of Thomas E. Peer; Etta E., who was born April 22, 1873, and is the widow of Lenworth C. Peer and the mother of two children, Charles L. and Florence L.; James M., who was born March 4, 1877, and is married to Roszella Carr; Amelia May, who was born November 20, 1882; and Edna Ruth, born September 14, 1887.

The Hopler family in an early day were connected with the Dutch Reformed church, but James H. Hopler and his family belong to the Methodist church. With the Federalist, then the Whig, and now the Republican party the representatives of the name have been connected, and Mr. Hopler, of this review, is regarded as a stalwart advocate of the grand old party which was the nation's defense in her hour of peril when war threatened her destruction.

NELSON KELLEY.

The senior member of the firm of N. Kelley & Son, general merchants of Chatham, our subject was born in the town which is still his home, in June, 1831, his parents being William and Nancy (Lum) Kelley. The former, a son of Thomas Kelley, was born in Chatham, in 1803, was there reared and learned the hatter's trade, which he followed during his active life. He married Miss Lum, a daughter of Israel and Phœbe (Pierson) Lum, and they became the parents of five sons and one daughter: Nelson; Harvey, deceased, Margaret, who died in infancy; Charles, of Summit; Frank, deceased; and William, of Chatham. In his political views the father of this family was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1865, and his wife passed away in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Having acquired a good practical education in the common schools, Nelson Kelley, at the age of seventeen, entered upon a four-years apprenticeship at the millwright's trade, and after attaining his majority followed that pursuit for some years. He was then obliged to abandon that pursuit on account of ill health, and in 1866 he turned his attention to the grocery business, beginning operations along that line on a very limited scale. He opened his store in a little room eleven by fourteen feet, the furnishings of which were two barrels and two boards. As his patronage increased he enlarged his stock in trade, and in 1878 he was joined by his son, under the firm style of N. Kelley & Son. In 1882 they added to their groceries a stock of men's furnishing goods and boots and shoes. They have now a very liberal patronage, carry an excellent line of the different commodities which they handle,

and well deserve to be ranked among the progressive, enterprising business men of this section of the county.

They have also added to the welfare of the town by erecting a number of buildings. They built their house on Main street, a short distance west of Fairmont avenue, and later moved their first store-house to what was then the corner of Main street and Budd lane, continuing in that building throughout the remainder of the year. They then located in more commodious quarters, having in the meantime erected a new store building, and when they vacated the one which they had formerly occupied they rented it for a drug store—the first of the kind in the place. The residence of Mr. Kelley is now on Budd lane.

On the 25th of August, 1853, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Wonderley, a native of Sussex county, New Jersey, and a daughter of Silas and Susan (Sanders) Wonderley, the former a native of Chester, New Jersey. Her paternal grandfather was lost at sea while returning to America from Germany, his native land. Silas Wonderley died in Newark, in December, 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife was called to her final rest in November, 1882, at the age of seventy-one. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley became the parents of two children, but Caroline died at the age of two years and two months. The son, Frank, is now associated with his father in business. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church since youth and the former is serving as church steward. They take a very active part in church work and are consistent and faithful representatives of that denomination.

FRANK L. KELLEY.

Progress ever indicates effort; inertia—the lack of effort—is always followed by retrogression. One may drift down stream, but if he would reach the headwaters of the river he must pull against the current; so in life the upward road is one which demands persistent and wisely directed effort if the goal be reached. Among the most progressive citizens of Chatham is the gentleman whose name begins this review, a man whose accomplishment has resulted from determination and energy. He is now connected with the mercantile interests of his city and has become a leader in commercial circles there.

Born in Chatham, on the 5th of May, 1858, he is a son of Nelson and Lydia J. (Wonderley) Kelley. His elementary education, afforded him by the common schools, was supplemented by a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, of Newark, in which he was graduated in 1878.

The same year Mr. Kelley entered upon his business career in the bakery

Frank D. Kelley.

business as the junior member of the firm of N. Kelley & Son. In 1882 he not only opened a grocery, but also enlarged his store by adding a stock of men's furnishing goods, boots and shoes, and his trade in these departments is the most extensive in the town. He keeps thoroughly abreast with the times, carrying the latest styles, and his business methods, so reliable and commendable, have gained him the confidence, good will and patronage of a large number of the residents of this community.

In October, 1884, Mr. Kelley married Miss Lucy V. Lear, of Madison, a daughter of William and M. J. (Day) Lear, who were also natives of the same place. Her father was a mason by trade and spent the greater part of his life in Madison. Five children were born of this union, and with the exception of Bessie J., who died at the age of six years and two months, all are yet living, namely: Rowland W., Frank S., Marjory and Nelson. The home life is very pleasant and the parents are widely and favorably known in social circles. They hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Kelley is serving as trustee and also as secretary of the board of trustees.

Mr. Kelley has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the city and has done much for its improvement and upbuilding. He has here erected a number of residences which have added to the attractive appearance of the town, and he withholds his support from no measure for the public good. His political support is given the Republican party, and under the old city government he served as trustee and viliage treasurer, while under the present form of government he was a member of the first city council. He is a member of Madison Lodge, No. 93, A. F. & A. M. and Chatham Lodge, I. O. O. F. He also belongs to the Chatham Fish & Game Association and to the Chatham Bicycle Club. His is a well rounded character, for the various social, church, political and business interests all receive their due proportion of attention, and thus in these various connections he is well known.

ROBERT SLATER.

This well known citizen of Riverdale owns and occupies the old family homestead and mill property, one of the most beautiful and picturesque spots in Morris county, and one worthy the brush of the skilled artist. The water, the old mill, the green grass and magnificent trees form a view that cannot fail to charm, and it is at this desirable place that the Slater family has resided for half a century.

The father of our subject, Joseph Slater, was born in Oldham, England, December 29, 1804, and on leaving the mother country took up his residence

in Bloomfield, New Jersey, whence he removed to Orange. He learned the trade of cloth-manufacturing while at Bloomfield, Essex county, New Jersey, and for some years conducted a successful business in that line at Orange. In 1849 he located at Pompton and engaged in the same pursuits until 1861, when he took up the fur-cutting business. He passed his declining days at his home on the banks of the Pequannock river, near Pompton.

Joseph Slater married Miss Sarah Moorehouse, and died September 1, 1871, when about sixty-five years of age, while his wife passed away January 27, 1873. She was born in Yorkshire, England, December 2, 1807. They had a family of four children: Martha, wife of Henry D. Smith, of Pompton; Joseph, who is living in Newark; Harriet, wife of William Baxter, of Morris county; and Robert, subject of this review.

In Orange, on the 14th of July, 1844, Robert Slater entered upon his earthly pilgrimage. When he was a child of five years he came with his parents to his present home and in his youth learned the trade of manufacturing hatter's furs, under the direction of his father. He has since followed that pursuit, and for forty years has been connected with the old mill, whose antiquity makes it one of the landmarks in this section of the county; but repairs and improvements have kept it so in touch with the progressiveness of the times that it does not seem to belong to a past generation. The grounds and residence also indicate the same careful supervision, and the Slater homestead is therefore one of the most attractive places in Morris county, the works of man adding to those of nature the touch of civilization and progress.

In December, 1864, was celebrated the marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Slater and Miss Elizabeth Francisco, who was born September 10, 1848, a daughter of P. S. and Elizabeth (Fredericks) Francisco, the latter a daughter of P. H. Fredericks. Two sons came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Slater: Otis R., born September 10, 1871; and Ellis, born July 16, 1873. Both are interested with their father in the mill. Mr. Slater is a safe, careful and conservative business man, in whose life few mistakes have occurred, and owing to his capable management his progress has been continuous and he has attained a financial independence which assures to himself and family all the comforts necessary to make the years of life pleasant. In his political views Mr. Slater is a Republican and in religious belief is connected with the Reformed church, being an active member of the organization of that denomination in Pompton.

CALVIN ANDERSON, M. D.

A practicing physician of Madison, Dr. Anderson was born in New York city, on the 10th of June, 1841. His father, Rev. William Anderson, a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, and a minister of the Dutch Reformed church,

devoted many years of his life to the work of the gospel. He married Miss Sarah Louisa Ryerson, a native of Meads Basin and a daughter of Abraham Ryerson. The Anderson family to which the Doctor belongs is of English origin and was founded in America in colonial days. His father, reared in New Jersey, prepared for the ministry and entered upon his first charge in 1847, at Peapack, after which he was stationed at Fordham. From 1856 until 1858, inclusive, he was in Illinois, and then returned to New York, where his holy labors effected great good among the people with whom he worked. His death occurred in 1887, when he had reached the age of seventy years; his widow still survives. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom reached years of maturity, our subject being the second in order of birth.

Dr. Anderson, whose name introduces this review, was liberally educated and thus fitted for life's practical duties. He also had the advantages of a cultured Christian home, and this helped to develop a strong, sturdy character, fitted to do battle in the hard places of life. He was a student in Norwich, Connecticut, for some time, being numbered among the graduates of Norwich Academy, in the class of 1859. He afterward attended Columbia Medical College, of New York, where he was graduated in 1865. He studied medicine under the preceptorage of Dr. E. J. Rapelye, of New York city, before entering college, and on the completion of the course put his theoretic knowledge to the practical test by opening an office and beginning the prosecution of his profession in Hanover, Morris county, New Jersey. In 1868 he came to Madison, where he has since made his home, and in the medical fraternity he has maintained a high standing by reason of his comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and his devotion to his work. He has been honored by his fellow members of the profession by being chosen president of the Morris County Medical Society, and the public attests its confidence in his ability and power by giving him a liberal patronage.

Dr. Anderson was married in 1873 to Miss Mary Bouker, of Jersey City, a daughter of John A. and Sarah E. (Simmons) Bouker, both representatives of old New Jersey families. They have four children. The home of the Anderson family is a hospitable one and a favorite with Madison's best citizens.

The Doctor is a Republican in his political preferences, and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, thus giving an intelligent support to the principles in which he so firmly believes. He is president of the board of health, is also a member of the common council, and is on the medical staff of All Souls' Hospital, in Morristown. He is an attendant on the services of the Presbyterian church, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the best development of the county.

CHARLES J. NEWMAN.

A resident of Newfoundland, and engineer of the New York Transit Company, Mr. Newman was born in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of February, 1859, one of the eight children of Josiah and Mary (Tinney) Newman. His father was born in Wyoming county about sixty-two years ago, and lived a quiet, uneventful life, devoted to farm work. His children are: Henry T.; Amanda, wife of Nelson Roberts, of Montrose, Pennsylvania; Charles J.; Fred E., who resides at Black Walnut, Pennsylvania; Ida, wife of Joseph Pierson, of West Auburn, Pennsylvania; Angie, wife of Harvey Loomis, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Ella, wife of Milton Kimball, of Wilkesbarre; and Jennie, wife of Harty Levin, of Silvera, Pennsylvania.

When twenty years of age Charles J. Newman entered the employ of Russell & Company, becoming one of their operatives in the lumber woods near Big Shanty, Pennsylvania. He left that work in 1880 and accepted a position on the pipe line of the New York Transit Company, starting at Corning, New York, as time-keeper or boarding boss, and followed the line through to Saddle River, New Jersey. He spent one year in the employ of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad Company, as a locomotive fireman, and then again entered the employ of the Transit Company. In 1881 he was returned to the station at Newfoundland to take a position as fireman, and in 1890 was promoted to the more lucrative and responsible position of engineer. Eighteen years' connection with the company well indicates his fidelity to its interests and his prompt and faithful discharge of duty.

Mr. Newman was married August 18, 1880, at Paterson, New Jersey, to Emma Jennings, of Newfoundland, Morris county, New Jersey. She was born February 26, 1860. By this union there were five children: Frederick C.; Bessie M.; Ethel B.; Blanche, who died in early life; and Ruth.

Mr. Newman is a member of the M. E. church of Newfoundland, where the family attend worship. Mr. Newman has become a good and worthy citizen of Newfoundland, and he has done much to improve the village. In 1896 he purchased two and one-fourth acres of ground and erected thereon a handsome and convenient house and made other improvements. He takes an earnest interest in the good and welfare of the community. He was prominently concerned in advocating the grading and macadamizing of the public road from Newfoundland to Butler, thus insuring one of the best roads and most romantic highways in the northern part of New Jersey.

Mr. Newman has taken quite an active interest in local politics and is one of the county executive committee of the Republican party, representing Jefferson township.

SAMUEL F. BEACH.

The subject of this review is a leading manufacturer of and dealer in carriages, wagons and sleighs in Morristown, and has been an important factor in gaining for the city her excellent reputation in this department of industrial life. His is one of the most complete and extensive establishments of the kind in the city, and in its able management Mr. Beach displays excellent business and executive ability, keen discrimination and sound judgment.

Born in Rockaway, Morris county, on the 5th of December, 1851, he is a son of Amzi F. and Sarah (Van Fleet) Beach. His father, a carriage-maker by trade, established the present business and shop in 1866 and conducted the same until his death, in 1876, when he was succeeded by his sons. His widow still survives him. In their family were eight children. The father was a member of the South Street Presbyterian church and held the high esteem of all who knew him. His wife, who also has been a devoted member of the same church, has held the esteem and affection of all who have known her.

Samuel F. Beach acquired his education in the public schools of Morristown, where the family located during his early boyhood, and at the age of sixteen he began to learn the trade of carriage-making, mastering the business in every detail and thus becoming an expert workman. His practical knowledge of the business is undoubtedly one of the essential features in his present success, as it enables him to direct his men to the best possible advantage, bringing results favorable both to them and to himself. Upon his father's death he and his brother succeeded to the business, under the firm name of Beach Brothers, and continued the partnership until 1885, when Samuel F. Beach bought out his brother's interest. His trade is constantly increasing, and he has therefore been obliged to enlarge his facilities in order to meet the growing demand. His factory extends from Market street to Bank street and occupies three floors of a building twenty-seven by seventy-eight feet. He has the latest improved machinery and equipments, manufactures all kinds of carriages, wagons and sleighs, making the latter to order. He also does all kinds of repair work and the house has a reputation for reliability and good workmanship that insures it a liberal patronage.

In 1877 Mr. Beach was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Graham, a lady of English and Scotch parentage, and they have two children: May and Bessie. In social circles they hold an enviable position and their home is justly celebrated for its hospitality. The daughter, May, is an accomplished musician, showing distinctive talent in both vocal and instrumental appreciation and interpretation.

Mr. Beach is a member of the fire department of Morristown, having been connected with the Resolute Hook and Ladder Company for twenty-seven years. Socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum, and in politics is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He takes a lively interest in all that concerns the growth and prosperity of his home city, and is one of the directors of the Memorial Hospital. The family are members of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown.

THEODORE AYERS.

The original American ancestor of the Ayers family was John Ayers, who was born in England in 1592 and early in the seventeenth century came to this country with his family and pastor, Rev. John Woodbridge, first settling in Haverhill, Massachusetts. In 1665 he came to New Jersey with some of his children and located at Woodbridge, which was named in honor of their pastor. Among the children of John Ayers and his wife was a son, Obediah, who was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1636, and who came to Woodbridge in 1668. He was the father of nine children, of whom the oldest was John, born in Haverhill in 1663. The latter married Mary Walker and moved to Somerset county, New Jersey, in 1717, their issue comprising seven children, including Nathaniel, born in 1700, who became the father of Jonathan, born in 1739 and died in 1814. John Ayers, son of Jonathan, was born in 1765 and died in 1815. He married Mary Ennis and they had three children, among whom was David Ayers, the father of our subject.

David Ayers was born in 1793 and departed this life in 1848. He was a civil engineer and surveyor by occupation and was a prominent and highly respected citizen of Basking Ridge. He married Miss Elizabeth Southard, who was a member of one of the best known families in New Jersey, and seven children were born to them.

Theodore Ayers, who is one of the oldest and most favorably known citizens of Morris county, was born in Basking Ridge, Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 22d of June, 1824, and was there reared until twenty years old, receiving his educational discipline in the classical schools. In 1844 he came to Morristown and for over a score of years thereafter was engaged in the mercantile business here. About 1866 he embarked in the real-estate and insurance business and conducted the same until a few years ago, when he retired from active life and was succeeded by his sons, Theodore and John B.

Mr. Ayers has always been a public-spirited man and has always taken an active part and interest in all movements tending toward public improvements. In politics he was originally a Whig, later becoming a Republican, and he has been an energetic participant in the work of his party, often

Theodore Ayers

being a member of the county Republican committee, and he has been conspicuous in many a campaign contest. From the time he attained his majority he has never missed voting at an election, with one exception, on which occasion he was compelled to remain in the house on account of a severe blizzard, and he considers it a duty as well as a privilege to go to the polls and cast his ballot. He has held several official preferments, among them being that of deputy internal revenue collector, which he held from 1862 to 1866, and he also served for several years as a member of the county board of chosen freeholders, was recorder of Morristown one term, and from 1876 to 1880, two terms, he was mayor of Morristown and as such gave a clean, able and satisfactory administration. For over twenty years Mr. Ayers was a trustee of the Morristown Female Seminary, and served as a member of the Morristown board of education. He is now president of of the board trustees for the Evergreen cemetery and is a trustee of the Morristown Park Association.

Mr. Ayres was united in marriage in 1853 to Miss Ann Elizabeth Bonsall, a daughter of John and Eliza (Ennis) Bonsall. She was born in New York city, where her father was engaged in business for many years. The latter retired from active life in 1847 and located about a mile and a half south of Morristown, where both he and his wife died. Their homestead was known as the Bonsall place and is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, who moved into it in 1881. It was in this old house that their marriage took place. Three sons have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Theodore, John B. and Horace Frederick, and they are all prosperous and successful business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers are faithful members of the South Street Presbyterian church, of Morristown, in which he was a trustee for many years and is now a deacon. He is esteemed and respected by all who have become acquainted with him during his long and useful career.

DAVID H. WILDAY.

In the establishment of a new town one of the most indispensable and important factors is the contractor and builder, and his usefulness in the promotion of the city never wanes. The work of repair, improvement and progress, continually being carried forward, all calls into play his services and skill, and in the business life of the municipality he occupies a leading position. For twenty-eight years Mr. Wilday, of this review, has been connected with the substantial development of Morristown, and he ranks among the foremost and the prosperous representatives of the building interests of the city.

Born in Whippany, New Jersey, on the 4th day of March, 1847, he is a son of John Wilday, who was of Scotch ancestry and birth and came to the United States in 1826, with his father, John Wilday, Sr., who first located in Paterson, but about two years later removed to Whippany. He was a weaver by trade, but his son John became a machinist. The latter married Miss Susan Moore, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (McDuffett) Moore, and she died in 1890 at the age of seventy-three years. David H. Wilday was the fourth in order of birth in their family of six children, of whom only four are now living: Mrs. Augusta Woodruff, of Whippany; Mrs. Eliza Hopping, of Afton; Mahlon, of Whippany; and our subject.

David H. Wilday spent his youth in his native town and began to learn the carpenter's trade in Rockaway, New Jersey, when eighteen years of age, serving an apprenticeship to Joseph Bower. He began his career as a journeyman in Dover, Morris county, where he remained for two years, when, in May, 1870, he removed to Morristown, where he has since made his home. He was employed by others until February, 1872, when he began contracting on his own account, his first contract being for the erection of a house for Mrs. Brindley, at the corner of Perry street and McCulloch avenue. He has built many of the excellent structures of the city, including the residences of Mary C. Smith, on James, South and Perry streets; of Rev. Vanderpool, on South street; of Dr. Uebelacker, on South street; of Augusta Bell, Dr. Bradford and Mrs. Thomas, all on Maple avenue; of Charles Roberts, Mr. Holloway and James Bonsell, all on De Hart street; of Frank Van Orden, on Wetmore avenue; George W. Colles, Mary T. Baldwin and Mrs. Hartley, on Farragut Place; the George Miller mansion and stables and gardener's cottage; the homes of George V. Colles and Daniel Jamison, on Mt. Kemble avenue; the residence of Rev. William T. Egbert, on Maple avenue, and his houses on Franklin place and Hill street, also on Egbert hill; the Evans mansion on Madison avenue and Roberts & Marsh's dwellings on Madison avenue. Through twenty-eight years' connection with the building interests of Morristown Mr. Wilday has maintained a reputation for trustworthiness and efficiency which has not only placed him in the front rank in his business and gained him a liberal patronage, but has also won him the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Wilday has been twice married. In Rockaway, New Jersey, in 1869, he wedded Miss Malinda Weir, who died in 1870, leaving a son, Irving, who is now associated with his father in business. In 1873 was consummated the marriage of our subject and Miss Anna R. Wilson, a daughter of Charles and Sallie (Clawson) Wilson, and to them have been born four children, two of whom are yet living, namely: Anna May and Mary C.

For the past eleven years Mr. Wilday has served as a member of the

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board of education of Morristown and has done effective service in the interests of the schools. He has also been a trustee of the Evergreen Cemetery Association for a period of nine years. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he has taken the blue-lodge, chapter and commandery degrees, and in the Royal Arcanum he also holds membership. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is deeply interested in all movements intended to advance the moral, material, education, and social welfare of the community. His firm purpose, honorable dealing and fidelity to duty are numbered among his strongest characteristics and make him a man whom to know is to respect.

STEPHEN BREESE.

Recognized as one of the influential, energetic citizens of Morristown, Morris county, Mr. Breese is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Elmira, New York, on the 4th of April, 1833, his parents being Bailey and Sally (Whitenack) Breese, both of whom were born in Somerset county, New Jersey, and were members of old New Jersey families. Bailey Breese, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was likewise a native of Somerset county, and was of German-Scotch ancestry. He engaged in tilling the soil of his home county for many years and then moved to Illinois, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. His son, Bailey, married and lived near Elmira, New York, for a short time and then came to New Jersey, locating in Somerset county, when Stephen was three years old, and there he followed farming and operated a stage line from Morristown to Basking Ridge for a while, subsequently, in 1862, removing to Morris county, where both he and his wife died,—the mother at the age of seventy-six and the father at seventy-seven. Three sons were born to them, our subject being the only one surviving.

Stephen Breese received his mental training in the public schools of Basking Ridge, and upon leaving the same he secured employment as a clerk in a mercantile establishment in the same town. He was thus employed for two years, after which he took a position as clerk in the dry-goods establishment of I. S. Miller, in Jersey City,—an incumbency which he retained for a period of about seven years, after which he was for about two years employed in the wholesale dry-goods house of Phillips & Spencer, on Barclay street, New York. He then became associated with his father in the express business, with headquarters at 162 Broadway, New York, and subsequently established the Breese & Company Express on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, which was then operated as the Morris & Essex Railroad. The express business thus instituted was the first ever operated on

that line, and Mr. Breese continued the enterprise for a period of fourteen years. He eventually engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Morristown, where he has successfully carried on operations in this line for the past ten years, being regarded as one of the prosperous and progressive business men of Morristown.

In his political adherency Mr. Breese is a stanch Democrat and a firm believer in the principles and policies of that party. For seven years he was collector for Morris township, resigning that incumbency to accept the office of postmaster of Morristown, to which he was appointed in March, 1895, by President Cleveland, and in this capacity he has given the fullest satisfaction by the capable manner in which he has fulfilled the duties attendant upon that position.

Mr. Breese's first marriage was consummated in 1872, when he was united to Miss Henrietta Connett, whose death occurred in 1876. She became the mother of two children, Fred S. and Henrietta. In 1891 Mr. Breese was married to Miss Susan Van Roden, and of this union one child has been born, namely, Isabella.

Mr. Breese is a self-made man in the fullest sense of the term, his present position in life being the logical result of applied industry, ability and strict integrity of character. He is quiet and unassuming, popular in business and social circles, and has gained and retains the respect of a host of friends.

THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN KING.

A prominent citizen of Ledgewood, New Jersey, Mr. King is one of the leading spirits of this place, and belongs to a family whose history is closely identified with that of Morris county, his father, the late Thomas L. King, having occupied official position in the county for a number of years.

Thomas L. King was born on the mountain near Drakesville, now Ledgewood, New Jersey, in 1809, son of John P. and Christina (Wolfe) King, early settlers of that place, the father having located in Roxbury township when a young man of twenty-two. He engaged in farming on a portion of the London Land Grant, which he acquired by purchase, and on which he continued to reside, in spite of the fact that his claim was contested by other claimants, until his house and all his household goods were burned. Then he was compelled to seek other quarters. Thus handicapped, and with a large family, he was unable to provide his children with more than the rudiments of an education. But the spirit of determination to conquer obstacles was a prominent trait in his character, and this trait descended in a large measure to his children. When Thomas L. reached his majority his

only capital was his strong arm, persevering industry, and the reputation for honorable and upright conduct. He was by the Democrats elected to the office of constable of Roxbury, the duties of which he assumed shortly after he was twenty-one, and so successfully did he fill the office that he was time after time elected his own successor, until he had been constable eleven years. After this, in 1843, he was elected county sheriff, and in this office also he made an excellent official, and when his term expired he was retained in that position to aid in straightening up matters that were unsettled and until his successor became familiar with his duties.

With the proceeds of his official earnings Mr. King bought a farm, which is yet in the family, and devoted his energies to its cultivation. Also he started a store on his farm, and still later engaged in the lumber business, in which he dealt very extensively; and out of all his enterprises he profited and became a man of wealth. He continued his hold on politics after his retirement from the sheriff's office, and was for many years a leader in party affairs. At one time he served as freeholder, and he also filled other township offices. He was indeed a remarkable man in many respects, possessing superior intelligence, rare judgment and great originality, on his father's side coming from witty Irish stock, and tracing his maternal ancestry back to honest, industrious German origin. He could prepare any ordinary legal document with the accuracy of a trained lawyer, and his penmanship was remarkably good for one who knew not the first principles of Spencer. He was a man of superior abilities. As his educational privileges were very limited, he was sadly handicapped and compelled to rely almost wholly upon his own efforts in securing a knowledge of the ordinary branches; but, being a man of quick perception and strong mental power, he readily assimilated the intellectual nutriment he could reach and he became one of the best business men in this part of the country. At any time he could respond to a call to address an audience, and he could speak with ease on any subject. His success in life generally was a proof of mental capacity and moral force.

Thomas L. King married Miss Jane Hilts, daughter of Samuel Hilts and Margaret *née* Caskey, Mr. Hilts being one of the prominent men of Roxbury township, owning and occupying a large farm on the mountain two miles west of Ledgewood. To Mr. and Mrs. King were born children as follows: Margaret, deceased; Theodore F.; Josephine, deceased; William E.; Franklin, deceased; and Ellen, deceased. Mr. King died in 1881 and Mrs. King passed away in 1877.

Returning now to the immediate subject of this review, Theodore F. King, we record that he was born on a farm in Roxbury township, Morris county, New Jersey, November 14, 1843. The first five years of his life were passed in Morristown, where the family home was maintained during

his father's official life, and his youth was spent in the vicinity of his birthplace. He received his education chiefly in Chester Institute. During the whole of his business life he has been engaged in merchandising, beginning in his father's store above referred to on the King homestead, and in 1874 succeeding to the business of his father-in-law in Ledgewood, which he has since conducted, meeting with prosperity on every hand, and having a trade that extends into the country for miles in every direction; and in addition to this business he also carries on farming and dairying; he has a store at Hopatcong, and is interested in boating on Lake Hopatcong, being president of the Hopatcong Steamboat Company.

Theodore F. King was united in marriage May 21, 1873, with Miss Emma L. Riggs, daughter of A. R. and Nancy (Stanburrough) Riggs, and one of a large family of children, her brothers and sisters being: Jetur R., residing at Milton, New Jersey; John S., Ledgewood, same state; Mary E., deceased; Nancy W., wife of W. E. King; Harriet, wife of Rev. Joseph L. Potter, both of whom have been engaged in mission work in Persia the past eighteen years; and Alberta, deceased, who married Sidney T. Smith. A. R. Riggs was a native of Morris county, was for a period of thirty-five years engaged in merchandising in Ledgewood, and was one of the most prominent and influential men of the place. He was a large real-estate owner and established several furnaces and forges. A brother of his, Dr. Jetur Riggs, was at one time a member of congress.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. King, Josephine, deceased, and Emma Louise.

Mr. King, like his father, is a stanch Democrat, and he, too, has been shown official preference. He was elected clerk of Roxbury township when he was twenty-one, was re-elected and served several years, and almost continuously since he attained his majority has he served as a committeeman.

Religiously he is a Presbyterian, and for many years he has been an elder and trustee in the church.

MARSDEN JACOBUS.

Recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Morris county, Mr. Jacobus was born on the present homestead February 23, 1837, a son of Abraham A. and Maria (Vreeland) Jacobus. He traces his ancestry back to his great-great-grandfather, a native of Holland, who came to this country and settled in Morris county, on eleven hundred acres of land, where he reared a large family. The great-grandfather's children were Nicholas, Cornelius, Abraham, David and others. The grandfather, Abraham, was

born on the old homestead and became one of the well known farmers of the county and a prominent member of the Dutch Reformed church at Pompton Plains. He married Miss Leah Mandeville and their children were: Anthony, deceased; Mary, deceased, married Nicholas N. Ryerson, of Passaic county; James, a farmer living in Montville township; Giles, a carpenter residing in New York city; Abraham A., father of our subject; Wilhelmina, who married Martin Van Winkle, of Passaic county; Agnes, now Mrs. Jeremiah Mitchell, of Livingston, New Jersey; and Adrian, deceased.

Abraham A. Jacobus was born on the farm April 25, 1798, and resided there until his death, on November 13, 1869. He married Miss Maria Vreeland, who departed this life on July 11, 1881. Mr. Jacobus was a progressive farmer and was solicited to fill several public offices, but invariably refused to do so. He was a deacon and elder in the Montville Reformed church for many years. He was the father of these children: George, a blacksmith by trade, was born October 17, 1826, and died November 19, 1891; Catherine A., born September 29, 1829, married Joseph Pienovi, of Newark, New Jersey; Leah Ann, born February 28, 1833, married Albert Terhune, and is now deceased; Adeline, born September 13, 1835, became the wife of John B. Van Saun, of Paterson, New Jersey; Marsden, our subject; Eugene, who followed farming, was born June 29, 1839, and died April 4, 1897; and Sarah Martha, born September 19, 1841, married Gilbert F. Mersellis, of Preakness, Passaic county.

Marsden Jacobus was reared on the scene of his birth and upon arriving at maturity engaged in farming, which he has made his life work. In politics he is a Democrat, giving a stanch support to that party, and he has served nineteen years as school committeeman. He has on several occasions been asked by his friends to become a nominee for the state assembly and for sheriff, but has always refused, preferring to devote his time to his personal affairs. He is an elder and a consistent adherent of the Montville Reformed church.

The marriage of Mr. Jacobus was consummated on the 2d of June, 1869, when he was united to Miss Susan E. Van Ness, who was born August 4, 1844, a daughter of Henry S. and Elizabeth Van Ness, of Pompton Plains, and of this union six children have resulted, of whom the following record is given: Bertha, born March 18, 1870, was married on the 7th of November, 1895, to John Myers, of Boonton, and they have one child, Florence J., born March 28, 1897; Maria, was born October 26, 1871, and on the 7th of June 1894, became the wife of Harry R. Doremus, of Newark, and they have one child, Russell J., born April 16, 1895; Lizzie, born September 13, 1873; Abraham A., born June 3, 1875, died June 13, 1895; Henry S., born February 28, 1878; and Wilbur M., born March 21, 1883.

FRANCIS G. RICHARDS.

Francis G. Richards was born March 6, 1815, in Amity, Orange county, New York, and was a son of David and Ann Frances (Hebron) Richards. His maternal grandfather, Davis Hebron, was a successful and enterprising farmer of Orange county and donated the ground in Amity upon which the court house is still standing. He was a very progressive and public-spirited citizen, and did much for the advancement of his locality. He was a consistent Christian gentleman and his life span covered more than four-score years. David Richards, the father of our subject, was a well-to-do farmer of Orange county, and was a man of good judgment and integrity above question. He married Ann Hebron, also a native of Orange county, and to them were born the following children: Mrs. Catharine Stage, of Orange county; Francis G.; William, who married and removed to Illinois, where his death occurred; John, who married Elizabeth Beach, of Newark, New Jersey, where he followed harness-making for a number of years; Edward, who married and reared a family and spent his entire life in Orange county; Mahlon, who enlisted and served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, after which he went to the west and is supposed to have taken up a government claim, but nothing has been heard from him for a number of years; Jesse, who married and removed to Mount Vernon, where he successfully followed farming and a trade.

Francis G. Richards acquired his education in the public schools of his native county, and in early life served an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade, in Newark, New Jersey. He remained there for three years and became an expert workman. Afterward he entered one of the largest establishments of the kind in New York city, where his excellent workmanship, his fidelity to duty and strict integrity won him promotion from time to time until he had attained the highest position in the works. He afterward became foreman in the cabinet-making factory of John Ogden, at Elizabeth, New Jersey, and for some time was regarded as one of the most valued employes ever connected with that house. After several years passed there, he came to Pompton, New Jersey, in 1840, and located at the present home of his widow, residing there until his life labors were ended. Here he entered upon a successful career as a cabinet-maker and undertaker, and to-day scarcely a home of any prominence can be found within a radius of many miles that does not display some of his workmanship in the furnishing of parlor or reception hall. There were also many interesting incidents connected with the other department of his business. In those days prices paid for undertaking were very small. He made and always kept on hand a large number of coffins, and a funeral bill rarely exceeded twelve dollars, which included the price of a waxed

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coffin of cherry or walnut, then one of the best kinds of burial cases made. On one occasion one of the most prominent merchants of Pompton called upon Mr. Richards for a burial outfit, and when told that his bill was eight dollars he remarked with a pained expression, "It is very dear times for people to die?" At another time he made a cradle, the father promising to pay for the same, but no money was ever received by Mr. Richards. The child for whom the cradle was made, grew to manhood, but was rather a worthless fellow, leaving Pompton soon after he grew up. He married, and after many years again returned to Pompton, where he died. Then his widow came to Mr. Richards for a coffin, promising to pay for the same at any early day, but no money was ever forthcoming, and thus "from cradle to the grave" it was all promises! Another neighbor of Mr. Richards became very indignant because he refused to take his measure and make him a coffin which he would retain until the day of his departure from the scenes of this life. However, Mr. Richards did a good business and acquired a comfortable competence.

While employed in New York he was married in that city, March 17, 1838, to Miss Sarah M. Brown, a daughter of Henry and Catharine (DeBow) Brown. Mrs. Richards was born January 18, 1824, and is a woman of exemplary character, whose upright life, covering a period of seventy-five years, has won her the love and esteem of many friends. She possesses excellent business qualification, and often assisted her husband in the store, while at the present time she is interested in the business which since her husband's death has been carried on by her sons, John and Edward. To the care of her eleven children she has devoted herself untiringly, and all of the number are yet living with the exception of Jesse, who died several years ago, at the age of forty-two, as the result of an accident.

The record of the family is as follows: Francis, the eldest, is the wife of Jacob Vreeland, of Boonton, and has one daughter, Jessie; Emily is the wife of J. H. White, of Hoboken Heights, New Jersey, and they have two children,—Wallace, who is a practicing physician of Hoboken, and James H.; Chillian D., a resident of Mountain View, Morris county, who married Ella Vreeland and has two daughters,—Hester and Julia; he enlisted during the Civil war and faithfully served as a defender of the Union. Jesse W., who was born June 14, 1846, and died August 19, 1888; he married Emma Mains and resided at Lincoln Park, New Jersey; Gordon, a resident of Lambertville, New Jersey, married, and has one son, David; Zenas married Ida Francisco and makes his home in Pompton; they have six children,—Chester, Nellie, Sarah, Ida, Alonzo and Russell; Edward, also of Pompton, who married Josephine Sloan, and their children are William, Maud, George and Belle; Heman, who married Mary A. Shultz, and they had two children,—Francis and Gordon; the mother died and Herman Richards afterward married Eliz-

abeth Perry; his elder son is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, and is now a surgeon in the United States army; Mary F. W., who resides on the homestead with her mother; John C., who is also living with his mother, and is associated with his brother Edward in the funeral-directing and cabinet-making business, in which his mother is also financially interested; and Catharine Louise, the youngest of the family, is the widow of George DuBois, of Brooklyn, New York, and their only child, Inez S., died at the age of thirteen years.

In his political views Francis G. Richards was an ardent Republican and always kept well informed on the issues of the day, but never sought public office. He took a deep interest in all that pertained to the advancement and welfare of the community and was not slow in giving his support to the measures and movements which were intended to benefit his town, county and state. He was a member of the West Millford Presbyterian church and lived a consistent Christian life, in harmony with the teachings of that denomination. He passed away April 12, 1885, at the age of seventy years, leaving to the family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

EDWARD W. ELLIOTT.

A prominent and prosperous farmer and timber dealer of Morris county, Mr. Elliott is a native of Metuchen, New Jersey, where he was born on the 14th of January, 1855. His childhood was passed in the towns of Cranford and Mt. Horeb, New Jersey, his educational discipline being received in the public schools of those places, and since attaining manhood his life work has been along the lines of his present occupation. Until 1879 his residence was in Somerset county, but in that year he came to Mendham and a few years later located on a farm near that village. Here he operates a portable sawmill in conjunction with his agricultural pursuits, and his prosperity and material stability are measured by and are commensurate with his great energy and unflagging industry. His start in life was made without that financial aid which would seem necessary to that degree of self-confidence that is a sure augury of success. His accumulations have been gradual and his possessions, aside from the farm upon which he resides, includes a large area of the mountain side to the west of Mendham.

The marriage of Mr. Elliott was celebrated on the 12th of April, 1882, when he was united to Miss Elizabeth Ward, a daughter of C. H. Ward and a sister of William H. Ward, of Brookside. The issue of this union comprised the following: Anna May, George W. and Maggie; and two, Albert and Harrison, who died in early life.

John Elliott, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland and came to

the United States when about twenty years old. He married Miss Maggie Cooper, a young girl who also was a native of the Emerald isle and who, like Mr. Elliott, relied upon her industry for sustenance. He departed this life in 1880, and she was summoned to her eternal rest three years later, in 1883. Their children were as follows: Edward W.; Frank; Mary, who was a missionary in Bombay, India, where she died in 1893; Martha; Maggie, deceased; John, a graduate of Yale College, is at present practicing law at New Haven, Connecticut; Robert, who is engaged in the florist business at Morristown; and James, who is a student in the Hackettstown Seminary, at Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Politically Mr. Elliott is an ardent Prohibitionist, and both he and Mrs. Elliott are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mendham.

WILLIAM E. WELSH.

He whose name forms the caption of this review is a member of the firm of Tompkins & Welsh, prominent manufacturers of tin, sheet-iron and copperware, and dealers in all kinds of parlor and heating stoves in Morristown. He is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1837, the son of Moses and Alice (McDonald) Welsh. The parents emigrated from the land of their birth in 1850, and first located at Quebec, Canada, whence they moved to New York city and later came to Morris county, settling in Chatham township, where they spent the remainder of their days. The mother died in 1866, aged seventy-five years, and the father in 1869, when about eighty-five years old. Three children were born to them, namely: Mary, William E. and Ann, all of whom are living.

William E. Welsh received his literary education at Union Hill and early in life was thrown on his own responsibility. Coming to Morristown when twelve years old, he here began to learn silver-plating. One year later his employer engaged in the tinware business and our subject continued with him, learning the tin and plumbing trade, with which vocation he has since been identified. In 1875 he became associated with Mr. Tompkins in the tin, sheet-iron and copper-ware business at No. 17 Market street, and this firm have acquired a valuable reputation for faithfully carrying out every agreement made by them. They occupy two floors, forty by eighty feet, where they carry a large and varied stock, necessitating the employment of fourteen competent assistants.

Mr. Welsh was married, in 1868, to Miss Isabella Tracy, and the following children have been born to them: William H., Joseph, deceased, Alice and Isabella, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh are consistent members of the Roman Catholic church.

GEORGE O. CUMMINS, M. D.

Dr. Cummins, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Dover, was born near Vienna, Warren county, New Jersey, on the 2d of January, 1843, and is descended from one of the pioneer families of the state. The first American ancestors of the family came from Flanders, Europe, and established homes in this state, being among the first settlers. The great-grandfather of the Doctor was born in New Jersey, as were the grandparents, George and Susan (Johnson) Cummins. His parents were Johnson J. and Matilda W. (Emery) Cummins, both natives of Warren county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. The mother was a daughter of William Emery.

Dr. Cummins, of this review, spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and acquired his elementary education in the district schools, after which he entered The Pennington Seminary, in Pennington, New Jersey, where he prepared for college. In the fall of 1863 he matriculated in Wesleyan University, of Middletown, Connecticut, where he prosecuted his studies for two years. He then began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. C. C. Field, of Easton, Pennsylvania, preparing for the most indispensable of all the professions, and a year later entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated March 13, 1868.

The Doctor entered upon his professional career in Hackettstown, New Jersey, where he remained for a year. In November, 1869, he was married to Miss Hattie R. Wade, of that city, the only daughter of Morris Wade. She was a pious and accomplished lady. The Doctor and Mrs. Cummins removed to Dover, January 1, 1870, since which time he has devoted his attention and energies largely to his professional duties and is now well established in business. Mrs. Cummins became very popular and much respected by a large circle of friends in Dover. In August, 1876, she died suddenly, leaving the Doctor and the community to mourn her loss.

Dr. Cummins is a member of the Morris County Medical Society and of the State Medical Society, and is continually carrying forward his investigation of medical truths, thus adding to an already large and accurate store of knowledge. He is never neglectful, always careful and from the energetic and faithful performance of each day's duty gains strength and inspiration for the labors of the next.

From a financial point of view Dr. Cummins has also met with an enviable success and is possessed of considerable means. In 1892 he erected the Cummins block, a fine four-story brick structure, with all the modern improvements,—hot and cold water, and every room having outside light and furnished and arranged with a view to comfort and convenience.

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Dr. Cummins has always been a stanch advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but has invariably refused to become the incumbent of political office. As more purely touching the line of his profession, he has held at different times, by appointment, the office of city physician of Dover. He has ever manifested a lively interest in all that conserves the progress and prosperity of the city, and has lent his influence to all normal and legitimate enterprises.

EDWARD MILLER.

A member of the firm of Miller Brothers, prominent meat dealers of Madison, the subject of this review is a native of Morris county, New Jersey, where he was born on the 18th of February, 1856. His father, Hezekiah H. Miller, was born in Westchester county, New York, where in early life he followed farming. Subsequently he went to New York city and there engaged in clerking until 1850, when he removed to Hanover township, Morris county, there continuing his residence until 1867, when he took up his abode in Livingston, Essex county, New Jersey, where he passed the remainder of his days, his death occurring in August, 1880. He married Miss Euphemia Ball, daughter of John and Nancy (Bagley) Ball, who were natives of Morris county and representatives of old and honored families of said county.

Hezekiah H. and Euphemia (Ball) Miller became the parents of the following named children: John B., born in October, 1852; Laura, who became the wife of William Martin; Edward, the immediate subject of this sketch; Frederick A., born November 18, 1859; and one other, who died in infancy. The grandfather of our subject was Levi Miller, who passed his life in Westchester county, New York, and after his death the grandmother came to New Jersey with Hezekiah H., and her death occurred in Whippany, in the year 1875, her remains being interred in the Whippany cemetery. The children of Levi Miller and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hull, were as follows: Hezekiah H; Sarah; Celinda, the wife of Timothy Cook, of Whippany, this county; Eli and Mary. The maternal grandfather of our subject's mother was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

Edward Miller received his early mental training at home and in the public schools of Morristown, after leaving which he entered the employ of S. W. Cook, in the meat business at Madison, continuing in the capacity of clerk for a period of ten years, when, having become thoroughly proficient in the various details of that line of enterprise, he determined to engage in the same on his own responsibility, and in 1884 he opened his present shop, on Main street, under the firm name of Miller Brothers, his associate in the

enterprise being his brother Frederick A. His genial nature, combined with his long experience and distinct ability, quickly won for him many friends; the business increased rapidly and the meat market is now classed as one of the leading concerns of its kind in Madison, as well as in the immediate vicinity. Fraternally Mr. Miller is an active member of the Royal Arcanum of Madison, in which he has attained a high degree of popularity.

On the 10th of October, 1879, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Marsh, a native of Madison and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Smith) Marsh, both of whom are descendants of old families of Morris county. Two children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Elizabeth and Edward, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are faithful adherents of the Presbyterian church of Madison and contribute liberally to its support.

Frederick A. Miller, the brother of our subject, was born November 18, 1859, as has already been noted. He is an energetic business man and is highly regarded in his home city. He married Miss Jane Brown, and four children have been born to them, as follows: Euphemia, Anna, Frederick and Richard,—the last named being deceased. Mr. Miller is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

JOHN H. BROWN.

For ten years Mr. Brown has been engaged in the drug business in Boonton and is imbued with a spirit of enterprise that makes him an active factor in commercial circles. He was born in Pompton, Passaic county, New Jersey, November 19, 1851. When seven years of age he became a resident of Boonton, and acquired his education in the public schools of the town and in the Boonton Academy. He then entered upon his business career as deputy county clerk under Mr. Speer, serving in that capacity for two and a half years, after which he entered the drug business in Newark, as a salesman in the employ of P. S. Van Patten. He was afterward with Dr. Jeremiah Cross, of the same city, where he remained for seven years. He also spent one year in Orange, with Thomas Cox, a druggist, and for nine months was in the employ of William H. Loveland, in Elizabeth. On the expiration of that period he was appointed apothecary of the state hospital for the insane, at Morris Plains, under the medical superintendent, Dr. H. A. Rudolph, where he continued for eight years, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. He then resigned his position, on the 2d of August, 1887.

On the 22d of September, 1888, he opened his present drug store in Boonton and has since conducted a successful and constantly growing business. He has a well appointed store, and his honorable dealing and court

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eous treatment of all patrons have secured him a liberal patronage. He was licensed by the state board of pharmacy, on the 8th of June, 1882.

In politics Mr. Brown is a stalwart Republican and is now serving his third term and fifth year as commissioner of appeals. He supports all measures for the public good and his advocacy of such interests has materially advanced the welfare of the community. He is a member of Arcania Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M.; of Pequannock Council, Royal Arcanum, and is a very active member of the First Reformed church.

EDWIN W. KIMBALL.

This well known citizen of Parsippany was born in Stockholm, Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 18th of November, 1857. His grandfather, John W. Kimball, was likewise a native of the same county, and there married Ann Dunn, by whom he had the following children: Ira, deceased; John N., who removed to Iowa soon after the close of the Civil war; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Kimball; George, of Clinton, New Jersey; Lydia, who married William Webb; Samuel, and one who died in early life.

The father of our subject, William Kimball, was born in Stockholm, New Jersey, in 1834, and spent his entire life there, passing away in December, 1894. He married Eleanor, daughter of William S. Wright, and their children were: Winfield S., who is engaged in the insurance business in Paterson; Edwin W.; John W., in Stockholm; Jesse, who is living with his brother Edwin W.; Mary, Marcus, Eugene and Frank.

Upon his father's farm Edwin W. Kimball spent his boyhood days, and in the schools of the neighborhood began his education, which was completed by study in Hackettstown Institute, of Warren county, New Jersey. When his life as a student was ended he was still connected with educational work as a teacher, and thus spent nine years in the public schools of Morris county, meeting with excellent success in his endeavors. He then turned his attention to merchandising, conducting that business first at Troy Hills and then at Parsippany for a period of five years. Upon his retirement from the store, he returned to the farm, and in connection with the cultivation of his land he is engaged in dealing in milk and in conducting a grain and feed store in Boonton, being associated with Charles H. Leonard in the conduct of the last mentioned enterprise. He has that resolute purpose and unconquerable industry which enables him to overcome all obstacles, and in the management of his agricultural and commercial interests he has met with gratifying success.

The home relations of Mr. Kimball have also been very pleasant. He was married in Hanover township, October 29, 1891, to Miss Mary E. Bald-

win, daughter of John L. and Mary (Coon) Baldwin, and to them were born two sons, Dudley B. and Edwin W.; but the latter is now deceased.

A close study of the political questions of the day has led Mr. Kimball to give his political support to the Republican party, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. He labors earnestly for the growth and success of his party in Hanover township, and has been elected on that ticket to several local offices. He served as justice of the peace of his township for ten years, discharging his duties with marked fairness, and is now commissioner of deeds and notary public. In the spring of 1896 he was elected freeholder by a majority of fifty-four, and is now a member of the board, serving on the lunacy committee, and the Boonton, Pequannock, Montville and Madison bridge committees. In 1898 Mr. Kimball was re-elected a freeholder by an increased majority of three hundred and fifty votes; which fact is significant. He is a popular and worthy gentleman whose public and private acts are those of a sincere and honorable citizen. His business efforts have met with the reward they merit, and he is ranked among the substantial young farmers of the township.

JOHN H. GUNTHER.

The present freeholder of the town of Mendham is a native of the Fatherland, his birth having occurred in Hessen-Darmstadt, on the 11th of October, 1836. His father, George Gunther, also a native of the same province, came to America in the latter part of the first half of the nineteenth century, and resided in New Jersey for a time, but spent his last days in Pennsylvania.

The subject of this review, the eldest in a family of seven children, was reared in Hessen-Darmstadt, and acquired his education in the schools of his native land, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he determined to seek a home in America, having heard very favorable reports of the country and the opportunities here afforded to young men who wished to advance in the world. Accordingly he bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the United States in 1854, landing in New York city, September 22, of that year. For seven years thereafter he resided in Somerset county, New Jersey, and then came to Morris county, locating in Mendham, where he engaged in farming. To this industry he added, about the year 1871, carriage and wagon making and repairing. In his native land he had learned the trade of cabinet-making, and was also able to do all kinds of wood-working. His farm lies partly within the corporate limits of Mendham, and upon the property he also conducts a livery stable. His land is under a high state of cultivation and is improved with all the modern conveniences in the way of

buildings and machinery. The place is neat and thrifty in appearance, and the owner is counted one of the progressive and practical agriculturists of the community, as well as one of the leading business men in other lines.

In the spring of 1894 Mr. Gunther was nominated by the Democracy of Mendham for the office of freeholder, was elected, and in the discharge of his duties was so efficient and faithful that he was renominated and again elected in 1897, so that he is now filling the office. He is a plain, unassuming man, free from ostentation, performing his duties in a quiet matter-of-fact way, and is always just what it seems,—a worthy and industrious citizen.

Mr. Gunther was married in Mendham, in 1859, to Miss Eliza, daughter of Jacob Smith, and to them have been born seven children, namely: George, Jacob S., Charles W., Harry, Elizabeth, Retta and Edward. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gunther are members of the Second Presbyterian church, at Mendham. Mr. Gunther came to America with the hope of bettering his financal condition, and his hope in this regard has been realized, for as the result of his energy and perseverance he has acquired a comfortable competence and is accounted one of the leading citizens of the community.

CHARLTON A. REED.

Mr. Reed is one of the younger members of the Morristown bar, but has attained a position of distinction that many an older practitioner might well envy. The analytical mind, the logical reasoning and the quick and comprehensive grasp of facts in their true bearing which distinguish the successful lawyer are all his, and the triumphs which he has won before court and jury point to still greater success in the future.

Mr. Reed was born in Flemington, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, December 23, 1861, and is a son of John C. and Rachel (Higgins) Reed, both of whom were born near Flemington and were representatives of old New Jersey families. The father was a son of Jesse Reed, who married a Miss Hart, also belonging to one of the pioneer families of the state. He served as surrogate of Hunterdon county and was a son of Asa Reed, also a native of New Jersey, who was an officer in the war of the Revolution and valiantly aided the colonies in their struggle for independence. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Higgins, a native of this state, who spent his entire life in Hunterdon county, where his people had located at an early epoch in its history. John C. Reed, father of our subject, succeeded to the office of surrogate upon his father's death and filled out the unexpired term. He was a merchant of Flemington, and carried on business there for many years. He died at the age of thirty-three, and his wife, surviving him some years, passed away in 1893, at the age of fifty-eight.

Reared in his native county, Charlton A. Reed supplemented his early educational privileges by a course in Peddie Institute, of Hightstown, New Jersey, where he was graduated in 1881. He is also a graduate of Brown University, of Providence, Rhode Island, of the class of 1886, and, thus equipped by thorough literary training for the acquirement of that special knowledge which would fit him for professional life, he entered upon the study of law in Flemington, and in June, 1889, was admitted to the bar as an attorney-at-law. In June, 1892, he was licensed as a counselor-at-law. He began practice in the city of his birth, and after a year and a half became connected with the business department of the New Jersey Hospital, at Morris Plains, as assistant warden. On the 1st of September, 1894, he located in Morristown, where he has gained a large clientage. His practice is constantly increasing and in representative character of business is steadily improving. He has taken high rank among the counselors-at-law in this city and is meeting with a well deserved success.

In his political affiliations Mr. Reed is a Democrat and is now serving as a member of the board of aldermen of Morristown, to which position he was elected in May, 1895, and again in May, 1897, so that his present term will continue until May, 1899. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the city, and his support is given to all progressive measures for the public good.

In 1891 Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Emily Curtis, of Point Pleasant, New Jersey. They are people of genuine worth, holding an enviable position in social circles. They belong to the Baptist church in which Mr. Reed is now serving as a member of the board of trustees and as treasurer.

JAIRUS J. LANGDON.

The amount of activity in commercial circles indicates the prosperity of a town, the character of its inhabitants and the possibilities of its future growth and greatness. The thriving little village of Port Oram has a number of well equipped business houses, conducted by men of enterprise, energy and marked ability, and to this class belongs Mr. Langdon, who is now successfully engaged in general merchandising there. He is one of the native sons of Morris county, his birth having occurred on the old Langdon homestead on the 18th of November, 1849.

As nearly as can be ascertained, the Langdon family is of English origin, and the first to locate in this vicinity was Phobus Langdon, the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Connecticut, and while a young man removed to Morris county, taking an active part in its early development and progress.

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His son, Jesse S. Langdon, was born in Morris county, and during the greater part of his active life followed farming. He married Miss Sarah Martin, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Martin. John Martin rendered valiant service as a soldier in the war of 1812, and his wife also went to the front with him and performed a noble and faithful service for her country by her able care of the sick and wounded. She was a daughter of a Mr. Bishop, of a prominent New Jersey family. The father of our subject was originally an old-line Whig in his political views and adherency, and later became a stalwart supporter of the Republican party. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and died in that faith in 1894. His wife, Sarah (Martin) Langdon, who still survives him, is also a member of that church, and is a consistent Christian woman, possessing those lovable traits of character which endear her to those with whom she comes in contact.

Their second son, Jairus J. Langdon, spent his youth at Mt. Pleasant, Morris county, and acquired his education in Rockaway Seminary. On laying aside his text-books he entered the employ of the Mt. Hope Mining Company, with which he was connected for four years. On the expiration of that time he went to Passaic county, New Jersey, where he formed a partnership with Edward G. Coursen, under the firm name of Coursen & Langdon, dealers in general merchandise. This association was continued until 1876, when the business was closed out and Mr. Langdon removed to Mt. Pleasant. Here he established a store and has since continued the enterprise with good success. He also opened a branch store at Hopatcong, under the firm name of Langdon & Van Derbeek, and after a short time he purchased the interest of his partner and has since conducted the business individually, the establishment being in charge of his brother-in-law, Mr. Burkhart. He also is engaged in farming, and stands forward as one of the representative citizens and business men of the county. Wide-awake and enterprising, he has studied the popular taste, and in his purchases keeps in mind the wishes of his patrons. His straightforward dealing and his manifest desire to please his customers have naturally brought to him a good business, from which he derives a fair income.

In 1874 Mr. Langdon was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Denton, of Verona, Sussex county, a daughter of Richard S. Denton. They now have one daughter, Elizabeth Denton Langdon. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon are members of the First Presbyterian church of Dover, and fraternally he is a member of Randolph Lodge, No. 130, I. O. O. F., and of Hope Council, Golden Star. He is a member of the Republican executive committee of the borough of Port Oram, of which he was appointed chairman, and he formerly served as a member of the school board.

Mr. Langdon's interest in the affairs of the town is of that practical

character that prompts him to put forth every effort for the good of the community and for the adoption of measures which will lead to its upbuilding and substantial improvement. In his business course he is ever honorable and reliable, and his success is the well merited reward of his own efforts. His sterling worth commends him to the confidence of all, and his neighbors and friends entertain for him high regard.

JAMES B. BOWMAN.

After a useful and honorable business career Mr. Bowman is now living practically retired, at Mendham, enjoying the well-earned measure of rest which should always follow years of labor. Though he has to a certain extent laid aside business cares, he finds his time and attention well occupied in attending to the demands of private and public duties.

A native of Morris county, he was born in Randolph township on the 19th of September, 1842, and is a son of Thomas Bowman, whose father, Nicholas Bowman, was descended from the old Dutch family of that name that was founded in New Jersey during the early days of American development. Thomas Bowman died in 1887, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Stout, was a daughter of Thomas B. Stout, who was a tavern-keeper in Chester, in the early days of that village. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, namely: Richard T., of Morristown; Adaline, who is the wife of George P. Roy, a farmer and a worthy citizen, of Mendham; and James Briant Bowman, of this review.

The last named was educated in the public schools of Mendham and in his youth began work at the carpenter's bench, thinking to make that occupation his life work. He completed his apprenticeship and worked as a journeyman for a few years, but seeing a more advantageous opening in the meat-market business he directed his energies in that line and followed the enterprise until 1890, enjoying a large and constantly increasing business, which at length brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to lay aside the more arduous duties of business life.

Mr. Bowman was married in Chatham, New Jersey, December 15, 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Hannah M. Day, a daughter of W. Flavel and Mary (Reynolds) Day. They have but one child, Harry Day, who is now in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in New York city.

In his political preferences Mr. Bowman is a Democrat. He was reared in the faith of that party, and his judgment sanctions its principles and policies, so that he has continued to give to it his earnest support. He has served as

town committeeman, and in 1897 he completed his seventh year's service as town assessor, his long continuance in the office well indicating the able manner in which he discharged the duties which devolved upon him. He is president and a member of the board of trustees of the Mendham Cemetery Association, and has shown an interest in everything pertaining to the best development of the town in which he makes his home. On May 11, 1898, Mr. Bowman assumed the duties of member of the board of chosen freeholders of Morris county, having been elected by his party in the spring of 1898. He has served as notary public and commissioner of deeds for a number of years.

JOHN D. LINDSLEY.

The assessor of the town of Mendham and one of her most worthy and highly respected citizens, Mr. Lindsley was born in Passaic township, Morris county, on the 5th of May, 1844, a son of Cyrus M. and Elizabeth C. (Kinan) Lindsley, the former of whom was born, in Passaic township, September 26, 1807, and died October 6, 1879. His wife, who was born August 27, 1810, passed away September 23, 1889. They were the parents of the following children: Foster H., of Highbridge, New Jersey; George T., deceased; John D., our subject; Martha, who became the wife of Clark C. Todd, of Bedminster, New Jersey; Caroline, deceased; Henry P.; Albertine, the wife of Charles Wilson, living in Passaic township; and Edward H., deceased. The grandfather of our subject, John Lindsley, was a native of Passaic township, his father having been a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

The subject of this review continued his residence on the place of his birth until attaining his majority, and there engaged in the nursery business until 1871, when he came to Mendham and established a nursery here.

In his political faith Mr. Lindsley has always supported the Democratic party, and while he has ever been averse to seeking public favors, preferring to remain free from the trammels of official preferment, he has yielded to the pressure of his friends and has served as town committeeman, tax collector and assessor, discharging the duties pertaining thereto with a pronounced degree of ability and circumspection.

On the 23d of November, 1871, Mr. Lindsley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah O. Millen, who was born February 25, 1846, the daughter of James B. and Elizabeth (Nutt) Millen. The children of this union are: Minnie S., who became the wife of J. Wesley Garrabrant, of Mendham; Caleb O., Annie E. and John D., Jr. The family are Presbyterians and Mr. Lindsley has served as elder in the church.

WILLIAM A. LUM.

When "Finis" closes the book of life of any individual it is customary for his friends and acquaintances to glance in review over the pages of its history and ponder over the lessons it contains, treasuring up the good as an example of conduct that may well be followed. A study of the life record of Mr. Lum shows much to admire and emulate. While intensely devoted to business, and a man of very decided views and strong convictions, he was by nature of a gentle and affectionate disposition. His moral standard was high and he lived up to it. His genial companionship, his tenacious regard for the simple truth, his unostentatious generosity and large-hearted Christian benevolence were among the qualities that greatly endeared him to his friends.

Born in Morris county in 1808, he was a son of Stephen Lum, a native of Chatham. In the county of his nativity he was reared, and early in life learned the mason's trade. For some years he followed that business, thus gaining his start in commercial pursuits, and later turned his attention to real-estate dealing. He made judicious investments in realty and became a large property owner. He carried on that enterprise for many years in Newark, his name becoming synonymous with the trade in that city. He was not only one of the oldest, but also one of the best known and most conservative, men in the business. For many years he was active in the handling of Newark properties, and his word was taken without question as that of an authority in all matters of values and wisdom of investment. His judicious investments, his capable management of his interests and his wise judgment secured to him a handsome fortune. He was associated with the Franklin Building & Loan Association, and through this channel enabled many to secure homes for themselves, thus adding to the general welfare and prosperity of the city.

Mr. Lum was married in 1834 to Miss Cedenier Pickett, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, and a daughter of Thomas Pickett, who was born in the Old Dominion and was of English descent. By this union there were born fourteen children, namely: Uzzarella H., now Mrs. Hayward, of Rochester, New York; Henrietta, of Madison; David O., deceased; Cedenier E., now Mrs. Denman, of Elizabeth, New Jersey; W. B., who died in infancy; Anna E., now Mrs. Griffin, of Los Angeles, California; W. P., of Colorado; Frank E., of Madison, New Jersey; Charles E., deceased; Arthur R., of Madison, Virginia, deceased; May Dodd, deceased; Howard, of Newark; and Catherine P., wife of Harvey B. Frost, of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Lum, while residing in Newark, served for some years as collector of arrears, was commissioner of deeds and also judge of elections. He

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could be trusted implicitly whether in office or out of it, and his word was ever as good as his bond. His political support was given to the Whig party in early life, but after the organization of the Republican party he espoused its principles and maintained them to the time of his death. He and his wife held membership in the First Reformed church of Newark and afterward in the Presbyterian church in Madison. They returned to Madison in 1882 and here Mr. Lum lived a retired life until called to his final rest. His days were passed in quiet amid friends and neighbors, surrounded by comforts that his former labor had made possible. His estimable wife and loved companion, with whom he had traveled life's journey for sixty years, passed away on the 19th of June, 1894, at the age of seventy-six years, and in less than a year he, too, passed to the world beyond, closing his eyes in death March 11, 1895, after a long useful and honorable life of eighty-six years.

W. T. QUIMBY.

Successfully engaged in the nursery business at Mendham, Mr. Quimby has attained to a leading place in industrial circles through his own well-directed efforts. Like others, he has not found in his business that all days are equally bright; in fact, in his earlier career there were many clouds to darken his pathway, but with resolute purpose and unshaken energy he has progressed, and has attained to a plane of financial comfort.

Mr. Quimby was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, January 13, 1834, and is descended from an old colonial family, of English origin, that was founded in America during the troublous times which preceded the war of the Revolution. The great-grandfather of our subject was one of the heroes who assisted in throwing off the yoke of British oppression. The grandfather, John Quimby, was a farmer by occupation, as was Isaac Quimby, the father. He was born in 1810 and died in 1855. He married Rachel Frost, a most industrious, faithful and devoted mother to her family. She was a daughter of Ezekiel Frost, who passed his life in Bernardsville township, Somerset county. Mrs. Quimby, who died in July, 1886, had a family of seven children, namely: William T.; John W., of New York city; Mary E., deceased wife of E. E. Reger, of Succasunna Plains; James H., who went west years ago, since which time no news has been received from him; Susan A., wife of Thomas Allward, of Washington, D. C.; Martha J., widow of Henry Bowers; and Anidie F., deceased.

When William T. Quimby was eight years of age, his parents being in limited circumstances, he went to live with an uncle, and remained an inmate of his household for thirty years. He was married November 7,

1857, to Miss Sarah M. Leighton, and in the spring of 1873 he came to Mendham, purchased a farm and turned his attention to the cultivation of peaches. In 1866 he added to this industry the nursery business, and to the dual occupation is now devoting his energies. His business has constantly increased and he now enjoys a very liberal patronage, which yields to him good financial returns.

To Mr. and Mrs. Quimby were born three children: Anna F., the eldest and the only survivor, is the wife of Benjamin Benbrook, of Newark; Sarah P., who married Joseph P. Sutton, died in April, 1888; and Alva S., who had but just entered upon his business career, died January 11, 1895. The mother of this family passed away January 8, 1886, and on the 1st of March, 1887, Mr. Quimby was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Axtell, daughter of Luther Axtell, of Somerset county.

Mr. Quimby is a leading member of the Methodist church in Mendham, in which he is serving as steward and one of the trustees. He is a man of public spirit, broad-minded and of generous impulses, and contributes to the support of many enterprises whose object is the progress and advancement of the community.

CHARLES J. TRENT.

The subject of this sketch is superintendent of the Bloomingdale Soft Rubber Works, of Butler, and was born in London, England, June 2, 1845, a son of George and Ann (Rogers) Trent, also natives of England. Their children were: George, who died in early life; Edward W., now a resident of Chicago, who wedded Mary Kusse; Charles J.; and Joseph, who is still in England. The father of this family is a bookbinder by trade, and is now living in Brooklyn, New York. The death of the mother occurred in 1853.

When a lad of eight years Mr. Trent was brought by his father to the United States, and spent his boyhood days in Philadelphia, New York city and Columbia county, New York. He attended the public schools, and when he laid aside his text-books to take up the sterner duties of life, the task assigned to him was learning the trade of file-making, in Pompton, New Jersey. Later he worked in a mill near Boston for a time, and then went to Chicago, where he was employed as a journeyman for three years, after which he entered into a partnership and began business on his own account. For four years he carried on operations along the line of his trade, and then decided to change his business. Accordingly he worked as an engineer of a stationary engine, also as a millwright and machinist. For fifteen years he resided in Chicago and upon his return to New Jersey, in 1881, he located in Butler, where he secured a position in the works of the Bloomingdale Soft

Rubber Company. Here he applied himself earnestly to the mastery of the business, and when he had gained a practical experience of the work in its various departments, he was placed in charge as superintendent, in 1889, and for nine years has now occupied that position. Under his capable management and wise direction the factory has become one of the successful enterprises of the county, controlling a large and constantly increasing business.

Mr. Trent was married in Pompton, New Jersey, in March, 1867, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna A. Miller, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Fredericks) Miller, who were the parents of seven children, namely: Emeline E.; Kate, wife of Hudson Youngs, of Boonton; George, a resident of Butler; Mrs. Trent; Sarah J., widow of George Decker, of Butler; Ella, wife of David Kitchell, of Butler; and Munson, also of Butler. Mr. and Mrs. Trent have four sons: George W., of Chicago, who occupies a position as salesman for the Rawson & Evans Ornamental Glass Company; Robert, who is with his father as engineer in the factory; Benjamin, a vulcanizer in the works; and Edward, who operates the farm and homestead. Mrs. Trent is a member of the Butler Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Trent has always contributed liberally to church and charitable enterprises. Politically he is a Republican.

ROBERT H. THOMPSON.

Mr. Thompson is a well known farmer of Mendham, and his home is one of the colonial residences erected before the Revolution. The old walls have looked down upon the scenes of colonial history, the formation of the new republic, its advancement along all the avenues of business and improvements, and still stand,—mute witnesses of our latter-day progress and a connecting link between the present and the past. The ancestral history of the Thompson family discloses the fact that three brothers, Aaron, Moses and Hur, came from Scotland about the year 1686. (They fled from persecution.) The youngest brother settled in New England, the two others in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and their descendants are found in Connecticut Farms, Bottle Hill and Mendham. Joseph, the youngest son of Aaron, removed from North Farms to Mendham in the year 1739, his son, David, being one year old. They lived in the Black Horse Tavern until they built at the head spring of the Passaic. Joseph Thompson died in July, 1749, his wife, Lydia, having died in March previous. Between the deaths of the parents the most of their children died of a prevailing epidemic, called the "long fever." The names of the children that died were: Phebe, Hannah, Aaron, Daniel and Rachel. Three grandchildren also died, of the same fever, in the month of April. Joseph Thompson purchased the farm which is still in possession of

his descendants, and which is commonly known as the "old homestead." His son, David, some years before the war for independence, erected the residence which is now the home of our subject. He was one of the leading and influential citizens of the county, was one of the patriot heroes of the Revolutionary war and commanded a company, with the rank of captain. He did much to mold the public life and interests of Mendham, was very prominent in church circles and long served as elder in the Presbyterian society.

Stephen Thompson, son of David and the grandfather of our subject, followed in his father's footsteps and had an acknowledged leadership in affairs concerning the general welfare. He filled many of the town offices and was also an elder in the Presbyterian church. He married Susan Harris, of Philadelphia, a daughter of a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary war, and to them were born the following children: George H.; David, who became a prominent lawyer of Sussex county, New Jersey; Nancy I.; and Robert H.

George H. Thompson, father of our subject, was born in 1803, and died in Mendham in 1882. His birth occurred near Peapack, but he eventually removed to the old homestead, and devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. His strong mentality, pronounced ability and sterling worth led to his selection for various public honors, and he represented his district in the state legislature, was a member of the board of freeholders, filled many of the important town offices, was town committeeman and was also judge of election. Like his father and grandfather, he was a godly man, devoted to the cause of Christianity, and in the Presbyterian church in Mendham he served as elder. He married Tempe Leddell McCrea, a grandniece of Jane McCrea, who was slain in the Cherry Valley massacre during the Revolutionary war, and whose story is familiar to every student of history. The children of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thompson were: David, deceased; Alexander, who resides near Salem, Oregon; Mary, deceased; Philip McCrea, who has also passed away; Robert H.; and Susan, widow of James Lawrence.

Robert Harris Thompson, whose name introduces this review, was born in Mendham township, May 30, 1847, and was educated in two private schools,—Rankin's and Day's. He received training in agricultural labors on the home farm and when he had attained his majority began farming on his own account. He now owns the old family homestead, which has been in possession of the Thompsons for more than a century. This comprises one hundred acres of land, and in addition he has another fifty-acre tract. He has placed his farm under a high state of cultivation and its neat and thrifty appearance well indicates the careful supervision of the owner.

Mr. Thompson was married December 19, 1883, to Miss Eliza M. Gar-

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abrant, born July 19, 1853, a daughter of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Pitney) Garabrant, and they have one daughter, Nancy I., born June 13, 1886. Mr. Thompson is a Republican in his political views, but has never sought or desired public office, preferring to devote his energies to his business interests, in which he has met with a well merited and honorable success. He is a valued citizen of the community in which his entire life has been spent, and wears worthily the honored family name.

SYLVESTER MITCHELL.

A member of the firm of Coe & Mitchell, contractors and builders, of Morristown, Mr. Mitchell has been identified with the interests of this city for about a decade and his presence has made itself felt through his connection with the improvement and consequent development of the city by reason of his efficiency in the line of his chosen occupation. He was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of September, 1860, and is a son of Lewis and Catherine (Evans) Mitchell, both natives of the same county, the birth of his father having occurred there February 22, 1834, and that of his mother on the 5th of January, 1836. By trade Lewis Mitchell is a carpenter. His father, Lewis Mitchell, Sr., lost his life by drowning in New York bay, about the year 1834, and his wife, Mrs. Lavina Mitchell, long surviving him, departed this life on the last day of February, 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The great-grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany and, leaving the land of his birth, he crossed the Atlantic to the New World, taking up his residence in Pennsylvania, where representatives of the family have since been found—industrious, enterprising and reliable citizens. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Catherine Evans and is a daughter of Conrad Evans, whose family were pioneers of the Keystone state. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are Mary, wife of Simon Felker, of Portland, Pennsylvania; Sylvester, Frank and Edward.

In his early youth Sylvester Mitchell attended the public schools, but at the age of thirteen laid aside his text-books and began learning his trade with his father. When he had mastered the business he spent four years working as a journeyman for a Mr. Smith in Scranton, Pennsylvania. His twentieth and twenty-first years were spent in school, for he had realized how necessary to success in business is education. He afterward went to Bangor, Pennsylvania, where he followed his chosen occupation for six years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Morristown, in 1889, and began that career which has identified him with the development and upbuilding of this city. For three years he had charge of the work of Theodore A.

Wilson, and in the early part of the year 1894, the firm of which he is now a member was organized and is now one of the successful competitors for the best work being done in its line in and around Morristown. Among the important buildings which Mr. Mitchell has erected are St. Bartholomew's school, of Morristown, St. Francis Sanitarium at Denville, and the residences of William Smart, John B. Vreeland, Mr. Lusardi and J. H. Hendershoot. At present (August, 1898) he has in course of construction the mansion of George W. Jenkins, on Madison avenue, in Morristown. He is thoroughly master of his business, is a progressive, enterprising man, and his worthy ambition to succeed has carried him far toward the goal of affluence.

In Bangor, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of December, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mitchell and Miss Ida E. Sandt, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kunsler) Sandt. They have had three children,—Lewis, who died when a year old; Flora, who died at the age of five; and Eddie, now nine years of age.

Mr. Mitchell is a member in good standing of Loanica Council of the Royal Arcanum at Morristown; the lodge of the United Order of Foresters at Morristown; Nemonock Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men; Tataney Council, Knights of Pythias, at Portland, Pennsylvania; and has also recently identified himself with the Masonic fraternity at Morristown.

EDGAR LAYTON DURLING.

Upon investigating the genealogy of the Durling family in America, it becomes apparent that all existing branches spelling their names variously Doeland, Dorlan, Dorlon, Durland, Derland and Durling, in different localities, are traceable to one and the same source, namely, Gerrett Dorlandt, of Holland, whose two sons, Jan Gerrettse Dorlandt and Lambert Janse Dorlandt, emigrated to this country and settled on Long Island in the years 1652 and 1663 respectively. The first of these sons, Jan Garrettse, also had two sons—Elias, who settled at Hempstead, Long Island, and Gerrett, who located in Brooklyn. The second son, Lambert Janse, became the father of two sons, Gerrett Janse, who settled in New Jersey, and John, who first located on Staten Island and then in Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania; and it appears from the records that the subject of this mention is a direct descendant of the New Jersey settler, Gerrett Janse.

Amzi A. Durling, father of Edgar L., was born in Warren county, New Jersey, and subsequently moved to Sussex county, where he followed the occupation of a miller for many years. He married Miss Theresa Rosencranse,

a native of Sussex county, and of the five children born to them, the following four survive: Rodman P., Anson R., Edgar L. and Mary. Amzi A. Durling died at Morristown in 1896, having attained the advanced age of seventy-four years. His wife is now living (1897) and makes her home in Morristown.

Edgar L. Durling was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 22d of May, 1859, and there obtained his educational discipline in the district schools, after leaving which he began his business career as a grain dealer at Baker's Mills, Morris county, when twenty years of age. The ensuing year he came to Morristown and here continued in the same line of enterprise, in which he has met with more than ordinary success, and now owns and operates one of the only two grain elevators in Morristown. When he entered upon his business career Mr. Durling had a capital of less than a hundred dollars, but his credit was good, his integrity undoubted and his industry indefatigable, and step by step he advanced in the mercantile world and distinct success followed his efforts, while at the same time he became a well known and popular resident of his home city. He is a member of the board of directors of the Morristown branch of the New Jersey Central Building Association.

For fifteen years Mr. Durling has been actively identified with the work of the Republican party in Morris county, and in 1888 he was elected a member of the Morris township committee. In 1896 he became the Republican candidate for sheriff of Morris county and was elected to that office by the decisive majority of two thousand two hundred votes, which was a most fitting compliment to his popularity, as the county is usually Republican by only a few hundred ballots. During the time he has held office Mr. Durling has fulfilled his duties in a manner that fully merits the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-citizens, who are loud in their praise of his executive ability as displayed in conducting his office, and the services rendered by him in the capacity of sheriff. He has made a signally excellent record as sheriff, and through his effective official efforts has become widely known throughout the state, his reputation having been particularly advanced by the strong fight he made in the courts in connection with the celebrated case of Anna Morrison vs. Thomas Bright, which attracted the attention of the legal eyes throughout the Union.

The marriage of Mr. Durling was solemnized in 1894, when he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Louise Eisensmith, of Morristown, the issue of this union being one child, Norman Layton, who was born in 1896.

He has for fourteen years been a member of the Resolute Hook and Ladder Company, of the Morristown fire department, and has held all the offices in the company.

THOMAS K. WILKISON.

Mr. Wilkison, who is a resident of Ledgewood, is a farmer and carpenter, and in following the latter calling he treads in the footsteps of his grandfather, Beniu Wilkison, who was one of the early contractors and builders of this locality, having erected many of the houses and other buildings which are still standing in the neighborhood. He also constructed a number of forges, but none of these are now in existence. He was exceedingly industrious, laboring early and late, and by his unflagging perseverance he amassed much property. He married a Miss Owen, and their children were Samuel, David, Charity, Beniu, Sallie, Eliza, Owen and Daniel. Jonathan Wilkison, the father of Beniu, was the first of the family to locate in Morris county, and was the owner of much of the mountain above Drakesville, including the site of Ledgewood.

Owen Wilkison, father of our subject, was born in Roxbury township, Morris county, in 1805, and died in 1846. He married Miss Sallie King, who was born in 1811, and to them were born seven children: Jane, wife of John Phoenix King, of Ledgewood; Christiana, wife of Thomas Willetts; Clarkson K.; Eliza W., widow of Amos Willetts; Annie, deceased wife of J. Peaslee, of Haverhill, Massachusetts; Thomas King; and Charles D., deceased. The mother of this family was a daughter of John O. P. King, whose father, George King, came from Ireland to America during his boyhood and married Mary Phoenix. He died in September, 1799, and lies buried in Succasunna. His children were John P.; William, who married Eliza Wilkison, a daughter of Beniu Wilkison and a granddaughter of Jonathan Wilkison; Jacob; Adam; Absalom; George Ralph; Margaret, who married a Mr. Wagoner; Mary, who became the wife of Mr. Grant; and Betsy, who married Mr. Potter.

Thomas K. Wilkison, of Ledgewood, was born on the Beniu Wilkison homestead, March 15, 1843. His boyhood and youth were spent amid the surroundings of the country home, and his educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools. Between the ages of eighteen and twenty years he worked as a farm hand, and then spent one year in the Central Market in Newark, New Jersey, in the employ of T. H. Pruden. On the expiration of that period he returned to the farm, and after his marriage he located on the Codaz farm, near the Hilts mine. On leaving that location he resided in Ledgewood for three years, following various pursuits during that time, and then purchased his present farm, which has been his home continuously since 1879. In the early '80s he went to Haverhill, Massachusetts, and accepted a position in the shoe factory of J. Peaslee, but after two years returned to Ledgewood, where he has since carried on carpentering in

connection with agricultural pursuits. He possessed considerable mechanical genius, handling tools with exceptional efficiency and at the same time manifesting great care and industry in the cultivation and improvement of his land. He was one of the incorporators of the Halsey Island Land Company and also of the Byram Cane Land Company, both at Lake Hopatcong, and is now a member of the firm of Wilkison & Scheer, establishing a summer resort on the shore of Lake Hopatcong, known as Silver Spring Park.

On the 30th of January, 1869, Mr. Wilkison was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. King, a daughter of Reuben and Phœbe A. (Dickerson) King. She was born October 22, 1845, and is the youngest in her parents' family, the others being Christiana W., widow of Lewis Messenger; Phœbe M.; George W.; and Reuben W., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison have one child, S. Florence, who was educated in Hackettstown Seminary and is now engaged in teaching.

Mr. Wilkison gives his political support to the Democracy, and has served his township on the tax commission. He also belongs to the First Baptist church, in which he has filled the office of deacon. He is always ready to respond to the call of duty and his loyalty to every interest entrusted to his care is most commendable.

NATHANIEL S. BEST.

A well known resident of Butler, Mr. Best was born at Saxon Falls, Morris county, between Waterloo and Hackettstown, on the 15th of October, 1847. The ancestry of the family can be traced back through several generations to William Best, a native of Germany who left the fatherland and established a home on American soil. He died in the vicinity of the Best homestead, at the advanced age of one hundred and fifteen years. His son, Andrew Best, the grandfather of our subject, was born about 1778, following farming as a life work and died about 1862. His son, Andrew, the father of our subject, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, April 23, 1814, engaged in the tilling of the soil in order to support his family, and closed his eyes in death in 1894. His father married a Miss Tiger, and their children were David; Saxon; George; Herbert; Sallie, who married a Mr. Mooney; and Andrew. The last named was united in marriage to Sarah McWilliams, daughter of James McWilliams, and the record of their family is as follows: George, of Stanhope, New Jersey; Wilson W., of Dover; Ruhama, wife of Abram Harrison, of Tioga county, Pennsylvania; Theodore, deceased; John, of Stanhope; Mercy, of Boonton; Jesse, deceased; Nathaniel S.; William and Martin, who have also departed this life; and Elizabeth, of Boonton.

Nathaniel Saxon Best, the well known merchant of Butler, assumed the responsibility of providing for his own maintenance at the age of fifteen years, at which time he began work as a farm hand. After a year spent in that way he determined to change his occupation, and he learned the blacksmith's trade, under the direction of A. J. Winters, of Hackettstown. He worked as a journeyman in that city, in Cherryville, Washington, Boonton and Dover and became very proficient in horse-shoeing and in coach-ironing. In 1884 Mr. Best came to Butler, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for ten years, doing a good business. He then abandoned his trade and purchased his brother's bakery, since which time he has conducted the establishment with excellent success. In addition to this he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of ice cream, and the reputation of "Best's ice cream" extends throughout this section of the state. So large are the sales that he manufactures the cream by steam process and during the summer season employs a very large force of men in this department of his business. The prosperity which Mr. Best has achieved is due entirely to his own efforts, a fact which is indeed creditable.

Mr. Best was married in Hackettstown, New Jersey, February 26, 1874, to Miss Mahala Evelyn Haines, daughter of Lewis and Eliza (Lodore) Haines, of Hackettstown. He is a member of Silencia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Butler, and since the age of twenty-one years has been connected with Musconetcong Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hackettstown. Mrs. Best is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Butler.

EDWARD O'DONNELL.

A member of the firm of Wood & O'Donnell, contractors and builders, the subject of this review is one of the substantial and enterprising business men of Madison. Born in Parsippany, Morris county, on the 20th of November, 1861, Mr. O'Donnell is a son of Patrick and Mary (Stenson) O'Donnell, natives of Ireland. His parents emigrated to America in 1855, locating in Parsippany, where the father engaged in farming. Their family numbered the following: Eliza M., wife of R. F. Mullhall; Nellie T.; Anna and John. The parents are both now deceased.

On the farm of his father Edward O'Donnell was trained to habits of industry and economy, and early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The public schools of Whippany afforded him the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and on laying aside his text-books he went to Newark, where he learned the carpenter's trade, applying himself with great earnestness until he had thoroughly mastered the business. In 1888 he began business on his own account in Summit, in partnership

Edward O'Donnell

with J. H. Wood, under the firm name of Wood & O'Donnell. From the beginning their success was marked and gratifying, and during the second year they opened a shop in Madison, Mr. O'Donnell taking charge of the same, while Mr. Wood continued in charge of the Summit shop. Their business rapidly grew in volume and importance, and has now assumed extensive proportions. They do general contracting, and many of the fine structures in Summit and Madison are their handiwork. They built the postoffice in each town, also the fine residences on the Crescent, the new Britton block and many other handsome and substantial structures. Their patronage has been large and profitable, and they are accounted among the leading contractors in their section of the county.

On the 27th of September, 1889, Mr. O'Donnell was united in marriage to Miss Mary T. O'Brien, a daughter of Jeremiah O'Brien, of Madison. They had one child, Edward, born September 2, 1892, who was deprived by death of his mother on the 30th day of September, 1892.

Mr. O'Donnell is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion and the Royal Arcanum. He also belongs to the fire department of Madison. He is a progressive and public-spirited man, taking an active interest in the welfare of the community and all that pertains to its best development. He affiliates with the Democracy and has served as a member of the board of education from 1894 until 1896, and in the latter year was elected a member of the common council of Madison for a term of three years. He is very prompt and faithful in the discharge of his public duties, and is alike mindful of the obligations which rest upon him in private life.

JOSEPH W. EMMONS.

He to whom this memoir is dedicated was a representative of one of the first families that made a permanent location in Morris county. His father was Jacob Emmons, his grandfather Nicholas Emmons, and the latter was a man of large means, owning an extensive tract of land in what is now the Emmons and Wortman neighborhood, south of Chester. Joseph W. Emmons was born on that farm, March 1, 1832, and in the usual manner of farmer lads of that period acquired his education. After arriving at years of maturity he married Miss Esther Leek, a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Chips) Leek, the wedding being celebrated on the 2d of July, 1854. He then located upon the farm upon which his widow now resides and by his well directed business efforts accumulated a handsome competence, which enabled him to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He was industrious and energetic and his well tilled fields and carefully repaired fences and buildings indicated the oversight of a thrifty and painstaking manager.

Mr. Emmons was very popular as a citizen and such were the many excellencies of his character that the circle of his friends was limited only by the circle of his acquaintances. He believed firmly in the principles of Democracy and at the polls supported the men and measures of his party, but never held or desired political office, preferring that others should attend to the administering of public affairs. He died May 11, 1878, and throughout the community he was mourned as a loyal citizen, a faithful friend, an upright man and a devoted husband and father.

His surviving children are Elias W., to whom individual reference is made in the next sketch, Joseph Austin and Theodore S. The second son was born March 11, 1858, was educated in the district school near his home and has spent his entire life with his mother on the old farmstead. Theodore, the youngest son, was born December 11, 1865, and has spent his entire life in the home neighborhood. Like his brothers, he was educated in the country schools and, like them, is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of the township. He was married in September, 1887, to Miss Ella Rowe, who died April 19, 1896.

ELIAS W. EMMONS.

The subject of this sketch, the eldest son of the late Joseph W. Emmons, was born on the old family homestead, December 24, 1862. The duties of the farm and the school-room claimed his attention in his youth, and when he had attained his majority he became the mainstay of his widowed mother. Even before this he rendered her valuable assistance in the management of her property. Reared in one of the richest agricultural belts of the state, he has always given his attention to farming and is a thoroughly practical and progressive farmer, following advanced methods, but at the same time adopting no visionary schemes. The industry and resolute purpose which lead to honorable success are his and have brought him a comfortable income.

Mr. Emmons was married on the 27th of December, 1889, to Miss Emma I., daughter of George Pickle. His wife died August 15, 1891, leaving an infant that has since died. Mr. Emmons was reared in the midst of a community of thrifty and liberty-loving farmers to whom he has attached himself by ties of genuine friendship. His life is as an open book which all may read, and he has ever walked in the paths of honesty, so that he has the unlimited confidence of those who know him. In his political association he is a Democrat, and in 1890 was elected on that ticket to the office of township collector, but before completing his term he resigned the position.

W. L. Bryant

DORASTUS L. BRYANT.

Mr. Bryant, the proprietor of the Westmoreland Hotel at the landing on Lake Hopatcong, and one of the leading business men of Morris county, New Jersey, is a native of the county and a descendant of ancestors long resident here. His father was born in 1808, at Ironia, on the original Bryant tract, now owned and occupied by his son as a farm residence.

Dorastus L. Bryant was born April 1, 1840, at Succasunna, New Jersey, on premises where he now owns and operates a store and apple distillery. His father, Samuel C. Bryant, was reared a farmer and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until near middle life, when he turned his attention to merchandising, farming and distilling at Succasunna, continuing the same successfully until his death, that event occurring in 1866. He was a son of Elias Bryant, who also was born on the homestead farm, and whose father was one of the original settlers and a large property owner. Samuel C. Bryant married Phebe A. Garrison, daughter of L. B. Garrison, and two children were the fruit of their union,—Dorastus L. and Alonzo,—the latter now being deceased. Dorastus L. Bryant grew up in the business established by his father, receiving his education in that and the country schools, and at his father's death succeeded to the business, which he still continues. About 1870, at the height of the iron-mining boom, he discovered and operated the iron range between Ironia and Chester, in connection with the Bryant mines at Succasunna, and in 1873 he formed a partnership with Edmund Canfied

in the store and lumber business at Ironia, that continued for three years. About six years ago he became associated in the construction of the Westmoreland Hotel, and since September, 1897, he has been the proprietor of the establishment, exercising the same good judgment in the management of its affairs that he has shown in his other business enterprises. Mr. Bryant is one of those men who seem to be able to take the right step at the right time, and succeeds where others fail.

Politically Mr. Bryant is a Democrat, as well as his father, and both have filled numerous places of trust and responsibility in the township.

Mr. Bryant was married in 1866 to Caroline B. Snelling, and they have the following children: Elizabeth M., wife of M. B. Carrel; Augustus S., who married Alice Coates and assists in the management of the hotel; Anna P., wife of H. H. Jowitt; Dora L., wife of Dolph DeHanne; Robert B., dentist at Dover; J. Frederick C., in charge of farm at Ironia; and Irving G., who superintends the cider mill and distillery at Succasunna.

ABRAM W. COOPER.

A well known resident of Chester, Mr. Cooper stands a representative of the fifth generation of the family of Chester township. The Coopers have always been prominent in public affairs, and the name stands conspicuously forth on the pages of the history of Morris county. His father was Nathan A. Cooper, a successful man of business, who owned an extensive tract of land and was numbered among the prosperous and progressive citizens of the community. He owned the Cooper mill, at Milltown, which had been built by his uncle in 1826, and which by the terms of his father's will was inherited by the subject of this review. The school privileges of Nathan Cooper were somewhat limited, yet he was a man of broad and practical general information. His knowledge of mathematics was gained largely from practical work as a surveyor in this county in early life, at which time he also became somewhat of an adept in the art of platting or mapping his surveys.

Nathan A. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Leddell, a daughter of Dr. Leddell, of Mendham township. He died July 29, 1879, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife died in January, 1890. Their children are Anna E.; Abram W.; Beulah, wife of Henry L. Dayton, of Chester township, Morris county; Mary L., wife of E. I. Smith, postmaster of Chester; Matilda R. and Nathan A., who are living on the old homestead; and Laura H., wife of Oscar Babbitt, of Morristown.

Abram W. Cooper, the second in the family of children, was born March 28, 1847, and in his youth pursued his studies in the common schools. He

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remained upon the old homestead and assisted in its cultivation until the death of his father, when he came to Milltown and took charge of the mill and other property which fell to him as his share of his father's estate. His life had been quiet and uneventful, but upright and honorable, a life devoted to his business interests and the requirements of citizenship. He is one of the patriotic, loyal men of the community, and fails not in the fulfillment of any obligations that rest upon him in public or in private life. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is now serving as a member of the town committee.

Mr. Cooper was married October 12, 1881, to Mary, daughter of George Turner, a prominent citizen and merchant of Hope, Warren county, New Jersey. They have one daughter, Mary Denison, who was born November 28, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are members of the Presbyterian church.

ELMER H. HARRINGTON.

A resident of Succasunna, Mr. Harrington was born in East Killingly, Connecticut, on the 9th of November, 1861, and is descended from one of the old families of New England. His grandfather was John Harrington, a son of Jonathan Harrington, who served as a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, and left to his descendants his drum used in that struggle, the drum now being in possession of our subject. Horace Harrington, father of Elmer H., was a native of Connecticut and a farmer by occupation. He married Maria Hopkins, a native of England, who came to America on a pleasure trip with her parents. Here she became acquainted with Horace Harrington, to whom she gave her hand in marriage. The children born of this union are: Sophia, wife of Henry Jordan, of Greene, Rhode Island; Hattie, deceased wife of Reuben Alexander; Alice, wife of W. D. Gardner, of Succasunna; Waity, deceased; Ida, who also has passed away; George, of Greene, Rhode Island; and Elmer Horace.

In his early youth Elmer H. Harrington accompanied his parents on their removal to East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where he completed a course of study in the public schools. On laying aside his text-books to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience, the duties assigned to him were those of a cotton-mill, in which he spent six years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in New England until 1883, when, owing to the persuasion of his brother-in-law, W. D. Gardner, of Succasunna, he came to this place. Mr. Gardner was connected with the powder works here, and Mr. Harrington also secured a position with the same company, as a mechanic. For nine years he was with that concern, and then withdrew in order to engage in business on his own account, as a dealer in timber, poles and lumber. In this enterprise he formed a partnership with John S.

Woodhull, of Dover, and the firm now operates a mill at Ledgewood and one at Minnisink, supplying the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company with a portion of the immense quantities of timber and poles used by those corporations. Their business is now a profitable one, and the partners are accounted among the substantial and reliable business men of the community. In December, 1898, the firm of Woodhull & Harrington was dissolved, and our subject continues in the same line of business alone.

The pleasant home of Mr. Harrington is presided over by the lady who before their marriage bore the maiden name of Isabell Doering. Their wedding was celebrated January 20, 1887, and the lady is a daughter of Henry Doering.

In early life Mr. Harrington took considerable interest in military affairs, and served for three years in the old Kentish Guards, one of the oldest regiments of New England, which has since been reorganized under the name of the Third Regiment of Rhode Island. He is a Democrat in politics and has served on the election board of this township, but is not active in political affairs. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to Dover Lodge, and also to Succasunna Lodge, I. O. O. F. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and is highly esteemed by his brethren of all these organizations.

THEODORE E. GARRISON.

As the popular deputy postmaster of Madison, Mr. Garrison has for twenty years occupied that position, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability. He is a native of Newark, New Jersey, his birth having occurred on the 28th of October, 1849. The Garrison family was founded in this state by the great-grandfather of our subject, who was a farmer, following that occupation near Hanover, and at his death his remains were interred in the Hanover cemetery.

The grandfather, Joseph H. Garrison, was a native of Hanover, and after arriving at years of maturity married Miss Sarah Pollard, a native of Parsippany, New Jersey. He learned the trade of shoemaking in his youth and followed it as a life work. During the war of 1812 he responded to the country's call for troops and aided in the second resistance to Great Britain. In church work he was very prominent, and for twenty-five years served as an officer in the Presbyterian church. His last years were spent in Madison, where he passed away in 1868, at the age of seventy-eight years, his birth having occurred in 1790. His children were as follows: Mary E., Theodore F., Charles E. and Sarah C.

Charles E. Garrison, father of our subject, was born at Hanover Neck,

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on the 18th of February, 1827, and in his early years prepared for the practical and responsible duties of life by learning the carriage-painter's trade, beginning an apprenticeship in Newark when seventeen years of age. He followed that pursuit in Newark until 1861, when he removed to Madison, continuing his labors there until 1864, when, responding to his country's call for aid, he joined the boys in blue and served with the Union army as a member of Company C, Eighth New Jersey Infantry, until the close of hostilities. When peace was restored he returned to Madison, where he engaged in carriage-painting until his life's labors were ended by death. He was married, about 1848, to Miss Ann L. Pollard, a daughter of William H. Pollard. She died December 20, 1858, having been the mother of four children: Theodore E., Otto Eugene, Frank, and one who died in infancy. In his social relations the father of this family was connected with the Grand Army Post of Morristown and with the Masonic fraternity. He was a very active member of the Presbyterian church at Madison, and did all in his power to promote the cause of religion. His political support was given the Republican party, and he served as school trustee and in other township offices. His death occurred in 1897.

The subject of this review received his early training and education in Newark, and with his parents, in 1861, removed to Madison, where he has since made his home. For twenty years he has filled the position of deputy postmaster here, and his thorough understanding of the duties of the office, his fidelity to its interests and his uniform courtesy make him a very popular official. There is probably no one more thoroughly acquainted with the postal service and its requirements than he, and his work is exceptional on account of the absence of errors.

In June, 1890, Mr. Garrison was united in marriage to Miss Catherine E. Ferren, a native of New York city and a daughter of John and Anna E. Ferren, who are of English descent, the first Ferrens in America having located on Long Island at an early day. The same qualities which render Mr. Garrison a popular official make him a favorite in social circles, and in the high regard in which he is held his estimable wife also shares.

DENNIS BOWDEN.

The hospitable and popular proprietor of the Mansion House, at Boonton, is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred in county Kilkenny on the 20th of September, 1854, his parents being Philip and Johanna (Dermody) Bowden. The father died in Ireland and the mother, accompanied by some of her children, came to the United States and located at College

Point, Long Island, where she was joined in 1865 by our subject and his brother.

Mr. Bowden was able to obtain but a limited education, being compelled at an early age to assist in the support of his mother and her other children, and his first practical experience in life began as an employe of the Rubber Jewelry Factory, at College Point, where he served three years as a marble-cutter. He then went to New York, where he worked at the jewelry trade for several years, and later he was employed in the rubber works at Butler, Morris county. In 1879 he took up his residence in Boonton, and a year later became proprietor of the Mansion House, conducting the same until 1882, when he went to Paterson, and there opened another hotel under the same name, retaining charge of it for two years. He returned to Boonton, in 1884, re-established himself in the Mansion House and has since continued in his former capacity of proprietor. The hostelry is well managed, supplied with every convenience necessary to the comfort of its patrons, and those who have once enjoyed its hospitality never fail on their return to repeat the most agreeable experience.

In 1887 Mr. Bowden embarked in the bottling business and has the most extensive trade in that line of enterprise in the county. He is a charter member of the board of trade and is a member of the fire department, in which he has served as treasurer. Politically he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

The marriage of our subject was solemnized August 2, 1880, when he was united to Miss Nellie Shanahan, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Mulqueen) Shanahan, of College Point, Long Island, and of this union the following named children have been born: Philip Walter, William, Margaret, Harry, Thomas, John, Mary, Dolores and Joseph. Mr. Bowden and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, at Boonton.

THOMAS STARKEY.

One of the prominent and enterprising merchants of Boonton is Thomas Starkey, who was born in Lower Montville, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 18th of June, 1830. His father, Benjamin Starkey, was a native of Yorkshire, England, where his birth occurred in 1798. He came to America in 1819 or 1820, and located at South Orange, New Jersey, remained there for a short time and then went to Montville, where he purchased a woolen mill from Dr. Gaines and Benjamin Crane, and conducted the same until 1880, when he retired from active business life. He married Miss Martha Fox, of Yorkshire, England, who is now deceased. Mr. Starkey was a deacon in the Lower Montville Reformed church, and he died in 1891.

Benjamin and Martha (Fox) Starkey became the parents of the following children: John, who lost his life by accident in his father's mill, at the age of sixteen years; Charles, who died at the age of twelve years; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Thomas, our subject; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Flury, of Morristown; Sarah Ann, deceased, who became the wife of John N. Johnson; Joseph, who resides on the old homestead; and Alice, who married Isaac Van Ness, of Pine Brook.

Thomas Starkey was reared in Lower Montville, and acquired his mental discipline in the public schools of that place. When about twenty-one years old he went to California and engaged in gold-mining until 1853, when he went to Australia, remained there two years, then journeyed through the South Sea islands to the Louisa diggings and thence to the Victoria mines, at Melbourne. After working there for a time he started for the head waters of the Amazon river, but, on account of yellow fever among some of the passengers on board the boat, he abandoned the trip and took passage for Panama, from which place he voyaged to San Francisco and there remained eight years, engaged in mining. He subsequently returned to Morris county and for one year assisted his father in the mill, after which he found employment in Washington Market, New York, for three years. He then erected a shoddy mill and conducted the same until 1892, and in 1893 he returned to Boonton and established his present business, in which he has met with pronounced success, being recognized as one of the leading merchants in this city.

Politically Mr. Starkey is a faithful supporter of the Republican party and has served as a member of the board of county freeholders for five years; he has also been a school trustee, and in many other ways has he been identified with the public affairs of Morris county. Socially he is affiliated with the American Legion of Honor, of Brooklyn, New York, in which fraternity he has attained a high degree of popularity.

Mr. Starkey was united in marriage in 1865, to Miss Margaret R. Bird, a daughter of Elisha Bird, who for many years was supervisor of the Morris canal. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Starkey are: Lewis H., who is associated with the City National Bank, of New York; Benjamin, who is connected with a commission house in New York; Ida, who married Thomas Capstick, of Montville; and Sophia B., who is now Mrs. Harry Jacobus, of Montclair. Mrs. Starkey is an adherent of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN B. BURLISON.

The record of the eventful life of Mr. Burlison cannot fail to prove of interest to his many friends, as it contains experiences on the battlefield, on the sea and in the world of commerce. He was born in Ulster county, New

York, on the 28th of September, 1844. On leaving school he became connected with the Merchant Tanners' Line, of New York, engaged in the business of common carriers, and continued in their service until September, 1862, when he felt that his duty was to his country, and therefore volunteered for service in the United States army. Joining Company C, of the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth New York Infantry, he was made color-bearer of his regiment, which was attached to the Department of the Gulf during the first two years of his service. In that command he participated in much of the hard fighting and severe campaigning which was required to break the enemy's strength on the lower Mississippi and bring that locality again under the dominion of the stars and stripes. He was with his company on the reconnoitre to Plaquemine, Baton Rouge and Port Hudson. He was one of the one thousand volunteers who made the assault upon Port Hudson, which occasion is known in history as the forlorn hope of Port Hudson. In the latter part of August, 1864, Mr. Burlison was transferred with his regiment to Alexandria, Virginia, where it joined Sheridan's command, and within a few days participated in the battles of Berryville and Poequan creek. In the latter engagement Mr. Burlison was seriously wounded in the left leg and sent to the general hospital in Philadelphia, where he was forced to remain, on account of his injuries, until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. He went through many of the hard experiences of the war, for his patriotism and bravery would permit him to neglect no duty that might advance the cause of the Union.

When hostilities had ceased he returned to the employers with whom he had served prior to his enlistment, and remained with them for three years, after which he engaged in the grain trade in New York city for five years. Not content with the outlook in that line, he next went to the south, where he joined a company engaged in the coasting trade between Baltimore and Savannah. He continued that business with success until March, 1884, when he encountered a gale on the Potomac and lower Chesapeake which tore his tow to pieces and wrecked his barge off Cape Charles.

This disaster ended his experiences in the coasting trade, and he went to Ellenville, New York, to consider what step he had better take in other directions. While there he was prevailed upon to accept the position of chief of police of the city, in 1884. Not being pleased with the duties of the office of chief of police, he tendered his resignation, which was not accepted, and was finally deferred by the mayor, Hon. E. G. Fuller, until March, 1886, Mr. Burlison having in the meantime established thorough discipline in the police department and municipal affairs of the town. He was thereafter engaged in the grocery business in Ellenville, continuing the enterprise one year, after which he disposed of his interest in that line, and on again

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entering business circles became superintendent of the Demarest & Russell Excelsior Works, of Butler, Morris county, New Jersey, which position he yet fills, his executive ability, judicious management, sagacity and unflagging energy enabling him to conduct the enterprise in a manner that reflects credit upon himself and brings a gratifying success to the stockholders of the company. He entered upon his duties April 4, 1887, and at once began the task of familiarizing himself with the work, not only in principle, but also in detail, and after two years had formulated such a perfect system that it has ever since been a most easy matter to determine the profits or losses arising from any part of the work; and should anything fail to pay it is at once improved or done away with, so that the concern has proved a profitable investment to the owners.

In Ellenville, New York, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Burlison and Miss Elizabeth Edmonds, February 3, 1867. They now have an adopted child, Emery S., a nephew of Mr. Burlison. Our subject and his wife are members of the First Baptist church at Butler.

Mr. Burlison maintains his association with his comrades of the Civil war through his membership in J. H. Beam Post, G. A. R., of Bloomingdale. He has also many friends in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Silencia Lodge, No. 168, F. & A. M., and Warwasing Chapter, of Ellenville, New York. On questions of national importance Mr. Burlison supports the Republican party, and during the presidential campaign of 1888 he served as captain of the Republican club of Butler. At local elections he votes for the man whom he thinks best qualified for office, for he rightly regards local elections as separate from political questions,—a time when capable men should be selected for the administration of the business affairs of the city. His life has been one of activity, and in all its relations he has been found true and faithful to his duties. His business record is without a blemish, and in the industrial circles of Butler he occupies a position that is indeed enviable.

ALEXANDER GILLAND.

One of the most popular and widely known citizens of Pompton Plains is Alexander Gilland, and his life history is one of interest, showing a mastering of expedients and utilization of opportunities that have enabled him to conquer difficulties and overcome obstacles in the path to success. Turning back the leaves of his life record, we find him when only a lad of nine years starting out to make his own way in the world. Tracing his career we note the persistent purpose with which he has attended to the duties that various positions have entailed upon him and find that his fidelity was rewarded from

time to time by increased salaries. At the present he ranks among the prosperous citizens of the county, and his success is indeed creditable, as it has been acquired through his persistent, honorable effort and splendid business ability.

Mr. Gilland is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Chenango county, of the Empire state, on the 18th of October, 1838. His father, Alexander Gilland, Sr., was a farmer and spent his entire life in Chenango county,—the place of his nativity. He married Rachel Oliver and they became the parents of five children, namely: Eliza, wife of Samuel Miller, of Elmira, New York; James, who was married and died leaving a son James, who enlisted in the Union army in the Civil war, and was taken prisoner at Andersonville, dying in captivity in Libby prison; Alexander, of this review; Ann, wife of Peter Hennion, of Newark, New Jersey; and Margaret, wife of John B. Taylor, of Jersey City. The father of this family died at the age of forty-five years, and his wife passed away ten years later, their remains being interred in the cemetery at Smithville Flats, Chenango county, New York.

The subject of this review, Alexander Gilland, received but limited educational privileges. Being the son of a farmer he was trained to the duties incumbent upon the industrious tiller of the soil, and when in search of work he naturally turned to that occupation. At the age of nine he began to earn his own livelihood, receiving as a compensation for his services four dollars per month. For four years he followed the plow, gathered corn and raked hay, but in the meantime kept on the look-out for a more advantageous position, which he at length secured in the employ of the firm of Root & Shafer, of Newburg, dealers in tinware. In the capacity of traveling salesman he went upon the road, receiving at first twenty-six dollars per month and his expenses; but, dilligently applying himself to the mastery of the business and the best methods of conducting the same, he soon made his services of great value and his salary was correspondingly increased. For four years he remained with that house and on the expiration of that period came to Pompton Plains, where he arrived on the 18th of October, 1857. For sixteen months he occupied a clerkship in the employ of David M. Berry and then returned to farm life.

On the 24th of November, 1858, Mr. Gilland was married and located on the farm belonging t his father-in-law, managing that property through the succeeding six years. In 1864 he purchased of Martin J. Berry the hotel at Pompton Plains and has since successfully conducted the same, his earnest desire to please his patrons, together with the pleasing accommodations of the house, making it a favorite resort with the traveling public. Mr. Gilland is to be commended for the success which he has achieved. Only a

small proportion of those who start out in life empty-handed, as he did, gain the position of prosperity in which he is found to-day; but with unconquerable energy he has surmounted all obstacles in his path and won the reward of honest endeavor. He is now the owner of extensive real-estate holdings, including some very valuable property in Morris county, and in addition to the conduct of his hotel he finds in the operation of an apple distillery a profitable source of income.

The home life of Mr. Gilland has been very pleasant. As before stated, he was married November 28, 1858, Miss Clarissa Demott becoming his wife. She was born May 6, 1837, a daughter of Michael H. and Mary (Winters) Demott. Mr. and Mrs. Gilland are the parents of eight children: Charles H., born September 12, 1859, died January 9, 1861; Peter Alfred, who was born December 12, 1861, and is a graduate of the Newark Business College, married Hester Mandeville, and has two children, Clara and Ruth; Annie I., born July 11, 1864, is the wife of Seymour Smith, of Millport, New York; Susie M., born June 11, 1867, is the wife of F. L. Lewi, of Newark, New Jersey, and has two children, Anita and Irene; John W., who was born February 25, 1870, is a graduate of Rutgers grammar school at New Brunswick, New Jersey; Cora May, born May 1, 1873, is the wife of Joseph F. McLean, of Butler; Harry Alexander, born July 10, 1875, was for some time a student in the model school of Trenton, New Jersey; and Florence Adele, who was born July 14, 1879, completes the family.

In the political interests of Morris county, Mr. Gilland takes quite an active interest. He is a strong defender of the Republican faith, and for the past eight years has been a member of the Republican county committee, taking an active part in the management of the campaigns and thus materially aiding in securing the Republican victories. He has also been honored with office, having served as freeholder and assessor of his township. In everything that pertains to the public welfare he is deeply interested and is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, an enterprising and honorable business man, and a faithful friend in social life.

HARRY W. CYPHERS.

The lineage of the Cyphers family is supposed to be of German origin. That the family has long been established on American soil is evident from the fact that Michael Seifers—as the name was originally spelled—settled on lands of the West Jersey Society, at Alexandria, Hunterdon county, within the decade between 1756 and 1766. He was the father of Philip, whose wife was Rebecca. Philip and Rebecca Seifer had two children: Wilhelm,

born January 16, 1769; and Philip. There may have been another son, though this fact is not predicated with absolute certainty. Philip had a son, Peter, who was born June 20, 1797, and who died August 16, 1888. As appears below, said Peter Cyphers was the grandfather of the immediate subject of this review.

Harry W. Cyphers, ticket agent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, at Chester, and a dealer in coal and lumber at that point, was born in the village which is still his home, September 23, 1864. His father, James Cyphers, deceased, was a prominent drover and farmer of the locality, both before and after the war. He was born on Schooley's Mountain in 1832, and came to Chester in 1859, his death occurring here in 1868. In the early part of the century his father, Peter Cyphers, was a prominent merchant at Schooley's Mountain and previous to that time conducted a hotel at Flanders. He was a prominent Democratic politician and was regarded as one of the leading men of the community with which he was connected. He was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Dufford, his second with Ann Hann. The children of his first marriage were: James; Caroline, wife of William D. Huffman; and Pernina, deceased wife of Moses Hager. The children of the second marriage were: Philip, deceased; Jacob, of Hoboken, New Jersey; Peter, who has also passed away; Mary, deceased; and Sarah, who is the wife of C. M. Muir, of Morristown.

James Cyphers married Nancy P. Robeson, a daughter of Elisha and Mary (Perry) Robeson, whose children, in addition to Mrs. Cyphers, are William, who resides in Chester; and John, who is living in Port Murray, New Jersey. After the death of her first husband the mother of our subject married Marshal A. Sayre, a conductor on the Chester division of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad.

Harry W. Cyphers is the only survivor of his father's family, being one of two children, of whom the eldest was Alice, now deceased. He was educated in the Chester Institute, in the public schools of Morristown and in the Brewster Chapel, at Chester. On the 1st of December, 1882, at the age of eighteen years, he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company. He learned telegraphy on a cigar box, which he still keeps as a memento of that early struggle, and since that time he has been permanently employed as the operator here. He is the agent of the United States Express Company, at this point, and has the unqualified confidence of both corporations which he serves. For fifteen years he has been engaged in the commission business at Chester, and on the 1st of June, 1897, he embarked in the coal and lumber business. He is a capable, thoroughgoing business man and his careful management, attention to the details of his busi-

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ness and his straightforward dealings have brought to him a well earned success.

On the 13th of October, 1886, Mr. Cyphers was united in marriage to Miss Susie, daughter of James P. Staats, of Chester, an engineer on the Jersey Central Railroad. The children of this marriage are: James Marshall, born October 25, 1887; and Marian Lula, born July 17, 1895.

He was one of the first members of the school board under the new law, serving two years. He and wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of Chester, and he is one of the trustees of the same, and also trustee of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association. Mr. Cyphers is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity,—Prospect Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M. He has a wide acquaintance by reason of his business interests and his social qualities, and is popular with his many friends.

JOHN H. SCHMIDT.

The spur of ambition is the hope of reward, and honorable ambition is the keynote to success. Without it business would flag, enterprise and energy would stagnate and advancement would be little, if aught, but permeated by this element the world moves on to better things, to greater achievements and more enduring successes. It is this same ambition which has made Mr. Schmidt one of the leading business men of Morristown. His career is one into which has entered many picturesque elements. He went forth in his early youth to win a place for himself in the world, leaving home and kindred and finally taking up his abode in the land far beyond the seas, and there attaining success and honor through well-directed and conscientious effort. His long identification with the material interests of Morristown renders peculiarly consonant a review of his life in this connection.

Born in Germany, Mr. Schmidt opened his eyes to the light on the 23d of April, 1832, and is a son of John and Margaret (Fiemonn) Schmidt, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. They had three sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are still living: The sons are John H. and George, both of whom reside in Morris county, and only they of the family came to America. The subject of this review landed on the shores of the New World in August, 1850, and for a time worked at his trade of carriage-making in New York city, after which he was employed in that line at Liberty Corner, New Jersey, for five years. He next went to Green Village, Morris county, where he first began business on his own account, embarking in the enterprise with a small capital that he had saved from his earnings. About five years later he went to Millington, where for four years he was engaged in the grocery business and also operated a saw

and grist mill. His next place of residence was Madison, where he has since made his home. He opened a carriage-making establishment in Madison and has since conducted business there, but owing to the increase in his trade he extended his field of operation by establishing a carriage factory in Morristown, where he has a large plant and has built up an excellent and profitable business. He manufactures fine carriages of every description, and the products of the John H. Schmidt Company's factory are widely known, the house having a reputation which insures a liberal patronage. There is a large and handsomely equipped carriage repository and salesroom on South street, Morristown, while the shops are located on Bank street. A large force of workmen is employed and the enterprise is therefore of benefit to the community as well as to the members of the company, who derive therefrom a good income.

In 1860 Mr. Schmidt married Miss Margaret Nishwitz, who was born in Germany, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: John, Frederick, Edward, Mattie, Elizabeth and Carrie. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and have reared their children in that faith. For more than thirty years Mr. Schmidt has been a worthy and exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity. He has never sought or desired political honors or emoluments, preferring to give his time and energies to his business interests, in which he has met with a well merited success. Plain and unassuming in manner, he is a gentleman whose sterling honesty and worth have gained him uniform esteem.

FRED R. CASTERLIN.

The popular proprietor of the Park Hotel, of Butler, was born at Rockport, Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 16th of January, 1856. His father, Richard Casterlin, born in 1806, was a wheelwright in early life, and later conducted a hotel in Unionville, New York, taking up that enterprise in 1860. The grandfather of our subject, Nathaniel Casterlin, was a wagon-maker, and spent his entire life on the old homestead at Rockport. He married Hannah Mandeville and his children were George; Nathan; Thomas; Dennis; Jane, wife of Charles Kinsey; Ella, wife of Alford H. Decker, of Paterson; Maggie, who married Captain C. H. Tuttle; Sarah, who became Mrs. Jesse Rosencranse; and Minnie, who is the widow of James Decker. Richard Casterlin was united in marriage to Miss Mahala Rogers, whose father, Peter Rogers, was one of the veterans of the war of 1812, and died in March, 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. His wife was Sallie Scidmore, and their children were Cornelius; Floyd; Samuel; Mary, wife of Daniel Davis, of New

York; Jane, who married Henry DeWitt; and Nancy, who became the wife of Benjamin Heater. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casterlin were born three children, namely: Charles, who is proprietor of a hotel in Florida, New York, and wedded Mary Kellogg; Fred R., whose name introduces this record; and Ralph, who married Lizzie De Groot, and follows carpentering in Unionville, New York.

Fred R. Casterlin, having acquired his education in the public schools, entered upon his business career as a stage driver for his father, driving the stage from Unionville, New York, to Deckertown, New Jersey. At the end of a year he accepted a clerkship in the employ of F. M. Cannon, of Deckertown, a prominent druggist there, with whom he remained for two years, when he returned to Unionville, to take charge of the office and bar in his father's hotel. He spent eight years with his father, and in the spring of 1885 embarked in business for himself as a dairy farmer and horse-trainer, devoting his energies to those pursuits until the spring of 1889, when he came to Butler and took charge of the Park Hotel, of which he has since been the popular proprietor. The Casterlin family seem to have special ability for the hotel business, and, like his father and brother, the subject of this review is a very genial and successful landlord. Always having due regard for the comfort of his guests, and doing all in his power to make their visits pleasant, he has made the Park Hotel a popular resort with the traveling public and receives a liberal patronage.

In connection with this enterprise Mr. Casterlin does a good business as a dealer in horses. Having a great fondness for the noble steed, his judgment of horses is excellent and therefore in trading and purchase he has made some excellent bargains. After coming to Butler he soon had enough horses on hand to establish a large and well regulated livery barn, and, building additions to his stables, he has now one of the best equipped barns in this section of the county. He keeps on hand only the best horses for driving purposes and is also the owner of Dick R. and Nick E., two valuable pacers, the former with a record of 2:27, while the latter, yet without a record, has made the mile in 2:17.

On the 24th of December, 1884, in Deckertown, New Jersey, Mr. Casterlin was united in marriage to Miss Cora Adams, a daughter of John E. and Jane (Davis) Adams and a sister of Mrs. Lewis Morford, of Newton, New Jersey. Her father was a farmer and brewer and also operated a creamery in Sussex county. Two sons, Richard and Lewis, grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Casterlin, who are prominent people in Butler and have a large circle of warm frieds. Mr. Casterlin is also highly regarded in business circles, for his genialty, combined with his known reliability, commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

JACOB H. CRAMER.

To be noted as a central figure in the history of Chester, because of his especially high standing as a citizen, his long and uninterrupted residence here and the unusual age to which he has attained, Mr. Cramer has long since rounded the Psalmist's span of three-score years and ten, but still retains much of the vigor of a man in the prime of life. He receives the veneration and respect ever due to an honorable old age, and the history of this locality would be incomplete without the record of his career.

A native son of Morris county, he was born in Mendham township, on a farm which now is the property of Mr. Bockoven, on the 26th of October, 1808. He is a son of George Cramer, who was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in 1770, and a grandson of Morris Cramer, who descended from German ancestry. George Cramer was a blacksmith and farmer and came to Morris county about the year 1790. He wedded Mary Ann Shriner and to them were born the following named children: Mary, who became the wife of Abram Seward; Morris S., who married Elizabeth Smith and had four children, who are still living; George, now of Yates county, New York; Lemuel, of Oxford, New York; John, of Jersey city; James A., of Morristown; William, who married Charity Travis; George; Jacob H., and Elizabeth, who became the wife of John Smith.

Jacob H. Cramer was reared to manhood in the locality where his birth occurred and attended the district schools of the time with their primitive methods and elementary text-books. At the age of twenty-one he sought and obtained a position as a farm hand in the employ of Daniel Merchant, with whom he remained one year, when he went to New York. He was there employed by a farmer for eight months at eleven dollars a month, continued with him through the succeeding two years and during the second year received twelve dollars per month and in the third year was given sixteen dollars per month. On the expiration of that period he returned to New Jersey, and on the 13th of November, 1833, began a term of school. On its completion the following spring he joined his brother in the cultivation of the old homestead for one season, and on the 11th of December, 1834, he was married, and located upon a small farm at Ironia. His wife bore the maiden name of Esther H. Lewis. She was born in 1813, and is a daughter of Captain David and Mary (Horton) Lewis, the latter a daughter of Nathaniel Horton, who came to Chester from Long Island.

The farm on which he began his domestic life Mr. Cramer rented for two years and in the third year purchased the property, making it his home for twenty-two years longer. He then sold out and removed to his new purchase, in Chester,—a farm which he operated for fourteen years, at the

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expiration of which time he disposed of the major portion of this, reserving only a small portion for a residence plat, on which, in 1874, he erected his present commodious home, where he has since lived in practical retirement from the cares and anxieties of the business world. In business transactions his name was the synonym of honesty and all who knew him placed the most implicit confidence in his integrity and fairness. Such was his reputation that he was frequently called upon to administer estates, which trusts were invariably executed with a purpose actuated by the highest motives and with a determination to fully carry out the expressed will of the testator. In 1845 he was called upon to serve as executor of the estate of Samuel Douglas; in 1852 was named by Esther Horton as one of the executors of her estate, in connection with Judge Logan, and after five years of litigation her will was sustained in the courts. In 1862 Mr. Cramer was named as the executor of the will of his brother, John Cramer, and in 1874 performed a similar service in connection with the estate of Isaac Reger. He was also sole executor of the estate of his mother, who died in 1855. He was appointed a notary public in 1849 and by successive reappointments was continued in that position until 1869, and as commissioners of deeds under the seal of the state.

Mr. Cramer identified himself with the cause of religion in 1840, and in 1860 was appointed a trustee and treasurer of the Congregational church of Chester. He filled the latter position for thirty-six years and paid out over ten thousand dollars for the support of the gospel. He was made a deacon about the same time he became a trustee and still holds that position. He is the largest contributor to the church in Chester and has ever been very zealous and active in its work. He and his faithful wife have now traveled life's journey together for sixty-three years, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. They now live quietly in their pleasant home in Chester, surrounded by many friends, who respect them for their sterling worth and honor them for their many good deeds.

DAVID A. HOPPING.

One of the oldest families of Morris county is represented by David Augustus Hopping, who was born on the old Hopping homestead near Hanover, on the 22d of June, 1867. The original ancestor in America was Captain John Hopping, who sailed from England in 1645, and settled on a tract of land where Elizabeth, New Jersey, is now located, subsequently coming to Morris county, where he owned considerable real estate on the present site of Afton, which was formerly called Hoppingtown. Captain Hopping married Miss Mary Primrose, and their children were: Ezekiel,

John, Samuel and Silas, all of whom were members of the western battalion of state troops in the Continental army. Captain Samuel Hopping was in the Revolutionary war and commanded a company at the battle of Monmouth. He afterward moved to Monmouth county and died there, his interment being in the old Presbyterian cemetery at Middletown, Monmouth county, New Jersey. Daniel, a son of Captain Samuel Hopping, owned the farm and built the old homestead, which is still standing. On November 1, 1832, he was elected judge of the common-pleas court and took a prominent part in politics. In 1807 he was a captain in the Fourth Regiment, Second Battalion, Morris Brigade, New Jersey state militia. Samuel, a son of Daniel, was born October 19, 1796, on the Hopping homestead, and followed farming as his life work. His papers show that he was made ensign of Company M, Fourth Regiment, Morris Brigade, state militia, on the 6th of November, 1818. He married Miss Rachel L. Howell on the 20th of December, 1821, and their children were Mary Elizabeth, Hannah Maria, Martha Sophia, Daniel Primrose, Augustus Stiles and Harriet.

Augustus Stiles Hopping, the next in the lineal descent and the father of our subject, was born on the 15th of July, 1834, and reared to manhood on the home farm. On the breaking out of the Civil war he offered his services in defense of the Union and enlisted in the Fifteenth New Jersey Volunteer Regiment, under Captain Lindsley, August 12, 1862, and his regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Hopping was in a great many of the battles, and as a result of his courage and efficiency he was raised to the rank of corporal on April 9, 1865, and later was detailed as an orderly at headquarters. He experienced a great many hardships, was slightly wounded on one occasion, and he was ill for many weeks in a hospital. June 22, 1865, he received an honorable discharge, at Hall's Hill, Virginia.

He was married November 10, 1863, while on a furlough, to Elizabeth Ann West, of Flushing, Long Island, who was a daughter of David and Mary Ann (Fish) West. The children born of this union were David Augustus, Estelle, Daniel M. and Walter B. Mr. Hopping was interested in all public enterprises of a beneficial nature, and he was one of the pillars of the Presbyterian church of Hanover, in which he was a deacon for many years. He departed this life August 10, 1876, and was buried in the Hanover church-yard.

David Augustus Hopping, who now owns and occupies the old homestead, is a man of unflagging enterprise and natural ability, and carries on his agricultural pursuits on a solid business basis. He is a worthy citizen of Morris county and enjoys the high regard of all who know him.

He was married October 6, 1897, to Miss Emmie E. Schoeneck, a

daughter of Charles W. and Katharine (Schafer) Schoeneck. Mr. Hopping is an ardent Republican, as was his father and grandfather, and is an active member of the Morris Grange, of which he is at present the master. He has always been more or less identified with the agricultural organizations of the state and county. His brothers, Daniel Miller and Walter Baylis Hopping, are members of the Seventh Regiment National Guard of New York. Walter B. Hopping is a graduate of the Columbia Law School of New York city, of the class of 1896, and is at present practicing his profession as an attorney in that city.

HERBERT K. SALMON.

Mr. Salmon is one of the enterprising young business men of Ledgewood, New Jersey, and is a representative of one of the most distinguished families of Morris county.

It is two hundred and fifty years since the first Salmon emigrated from England to this country and settled in New Jersey, and from him has come a large progeny, the various branches of which have ramified and extended into probably every state in the American Union. All the Salmons, wherever found in this country, are blood of this family. While their efforts have been confined in the main to farming and other rural industries, they have entered the professions as well, and from this family came one of our greatest statesmen and jurists, Salmon P. Chase. All the Salmons have been patriotic and some of them were soldiers in the early wars of this country. Peter Salmon, during the war of 1812, while restlessly riding to and fro, anxious to get into the conflict, but being opposed by his wife, who feared for his safety, originated the now familiar saying, "Say, old woman, what do you know about war?" Captain Richard Salmon, an officer of a militia company in those times, was a brother of Peter, and both were not only true and tried soldiers, but also were industrious, prosperous and prominent citizens. Captain Richard Salmon was the paternal grandfather of our subject, and his son, Abram D., was our subject's father.

Abram D. Salmon was a successful farmer. He established his home near Drakesville, on a most charming location, and there surrounded himself with all the comforts of life. He died in 1892, at the age of sixty-five years. Few men have lived a purer or more useful life than he. For many years he was a member of the Baptist church, and was a deacon in the same, and gave freely of both his time and means toward furthering the interests of the church. He gave his support to the Republican party, but never entered the field of politics. He married Magdalene, daughter of Henry Messinger. The Messingers are of Holland origin and the first representative of the

family landed in this country about two hundred and thirty years ago. To Abram D. and Magdalene Salmon were born a large family of children, the surviving members being as follows: Edward L., Kansas City, Missouri, is representing the Palace King Heater Company; William M., of the same place, has a canning factory at Guthrie, Oklahoma; Jerre B. is representing the Eureka Mining Investment Company in the Klondike gold fields; Herbert K., whose name forms the heading of this sketch; Abram D., Jr., who manages the interests of the Salmon homestead; Julia S., widow of H. R. C. Valentine.

Herbert K. Salmon, the immediate subject of this review, was born March 23, 1868. His early education was received in the village school and was supplemented by a course at Coleman's Business College, Newark, New Jersey. When he started out in life on his own account it was as a partner of Theodore F. King in a general store, After six years in this business, he then turned his attention to contracting, in company with his brother Jerre B., the firm confining itself to contracts on public works. The first year of its existence the brother, Jerre B., built a macadamized road from Netcong to Mine Hill, and the firm from Mt. Arlington borough to the boulevard line in Dover, and from Ledgewood to Succasunna, making a total of eight miles. Jerre Salmon built the Hackettstown reservoir and aqueduct, and the firm did the grading for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad switch from Hopatcong. They also operate the Hopatcong Granite Quarry, which furnished the stone for the new addition to the Morris Plains Asylum.

Among other enterprises with which Mr. Salmon is connected, we note that of the Musconetcong Building & Loan Association, which he helped to organize and of which he was the first treasurer. Like his honored father, he is an active member of the Baptist church, at this writing being superintendent of the Sunday-school. In political and fraternal circles, also, he is prominent and active. Fraternally, he is associated with Musconetcong Lodge, F. & A. M., at Stanhope; Baldwin Chapter, R. A. M., of Newton; Ode De St. Amand Commandery, K. T., of Morristown; and Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, New York city.

WARREN J. LANGDON.

Mr. Langdon was born near Dover, Morris county, on the 2d of May, 1854, and is descended from an old New England family. His grandfather, Darling P. Langdon, was born in New Hampshire, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and in the early part of the nineteenth century removed to Pequannock township, Morris county. He was the son of a farmer, but learned the hatter's trade, but after following it for a short time he turned

his attention to the blacksmith's trade, which he carried on with good success until his retirement from business. In his political views he was a Democrat until the rise of the Republicans, when he joined the ranks of the new party. His death occurred, at Sparta, in 1859. His wife, who died in 1840, at the age of fifty-two, bore the maiden name of Ruth Williams and was a daughter of Samuel Williams and a granddaughter of John Williams, the latter a native of Wales. Both the father and grandfather were iron-founders and practical business men, being very successful in their line. They were also fine specimens of physical manhood, each of the sons of John Williams being more than six feet tall. To Mr. and Mrs. Darling Langdon were born eight children: Foster H., who was in the iron business and died in 1879; Mary, who married Caleb P. Wilson and is also deceased; Sophia, Jessie and David, all deceased; Lewis W., father of our subject; Jacob and Samuel, who have also passed away.

Lewis W. Langdon was born August 18, 1821, and received but limited educational privileges, for at the age of twelve years he started out in life for himself, and the fruits of his labor provided him not only the necessities of life but also added to the comforts of the family home. Even before he was nine years old he drove the "win horse" at an iron mine, and among his earliest ventures on his own behalf was the leasing of the Johnson Hill mine at Mt. Pleasant. He operated this for eight years and the income derived from the mine was supplemented somewhat by the money he made by working at the blacksmith's trade, which occupation he had learned in Dover, and while working in the mine during the day he would spend many an evening at the forge. He had nothing to depend upon but his own labors and it was difficult to make a start, but when once he gained a firm financial footing his progress was very rapid and satisfactory. In 1870 he came to Chester and accepted the position of superintendent of a mine for the Chester Iron Company, with which he remained two years. He then bought a tract of land and opened the Langdon mine, which he operated until 1893, taking out, after he became sixty years of age, fourteen thousand tons of ore. He made money rapidly out of this property and acquired a modest fortune.

Lewis W. Langdon cast his first presidential vote for the Democratic candidate, but at the next election voted for the Republican candidate and has since affiliated with the Grand Old Party. He has at all times kept abreast with advanced thought on political economy and the other important topics of the day, and when he gives expression to his views they are full of vigorous American sentiment. He was married April 19, 1847, to Miss Sarah Strawway, a daughter of David and Mary Strawway. Their children are Nelson M.; Josephine, widow of M. W. Seeley; Warren J.; Louanna; Frank E.; Edwina; and Wilbur H.

Warren J. Langdon, the immediate subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm near his birth-place and attended the country schools until fourteen years of age, when he laid aside his text-books and began the mastery of the more difficult lessons to be learned in the school of experience. He began his business career as an errand boy at an iron mine and from one position to another was raised until, at the age of twenty-three, he was made superintendent of the Andover mine, in Sussex county. For nine years he was connected with the iron interests in Chester, acting as superintendent of different mines, and upon the closing down of the Hacklebarny mines he turned his attention to the lumber business. He is now engaged in the operation of a sawmill on Black river, is also engaged in farming, and since 1896 has carried on the Milltown store,—these various important interests fully occupying his time and attention. He is a very progressive business man, wide-awake and enterprising, and his different industries are conducted with the strictest regard to the ethics of commercial life.

Mr. Langdon was married in November, 1879, to Miss Florence Brown, a daughter of Sedgwick Brown, of Mine Hill. He is a man of sterling worth, of fidelity to principles, prompt in the discharge of duty and faithful to all obligations, and in social and business relations he commands the respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

AMOS CHAMBERLAIN.

Classed with the enterprising and thrifty farmers of Mount Oliver township is Amos Chamberlain of Netcong, New Jersey, and for his sterling worth he is highly respected and esteemed.

Mr. Chamberlain is a son of Daniel Chamberlain, who was born in Ammel township, Mercer county, New Jersey, in the year 1799. That locality was most certainly the home of the Chamberlains for many generations. Little, however, is known of their history, since it is not even on record who was the father of Daniel Chamberlain. Daniel Chamberlain married Miss Mary Ann Rowland, with whom he lived happily for many years, and who survived him five years, his death occurring in 1870 and hers in 1875. Following are the names of their children, in order of birth: Lewis, deceased; Rhymer, deceased; George, deceased; John R., of Mount Olive township; Sarah A., wife of Daniel Swackhamer, of German Valley; and Amos.

Amos Chamberlain was born near Hacklebarney, in Chester township, Morris county, New Jersey, December 30, 1845. There and at Budd's Corners, near Chester, his boyhood days were passed and his educational advantages were limited to the country schools. When Amos was eighteen his

John S. Emmell

father moved to the Flanders neighborhood, where the family home was maintained on a farm until death called the parents away, as above recorded, and where Amos Chamberlain resided until 1872. That year he located near Mendham, which was his abiding place until 1888, when he purchased his present farm of two hundred and five acres and took up his abode on it. Here he has lived during the past decade. From a worn-out, run-down farm his acres have been converted into a productive tract of land, highly cultivated and with everything to indicate thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Chamberlain was married in June, 1870, to Miss Ann Eliza Hopkins, daughter of Silas Hopkins, and their children are Retta, Sadie, Maggie, Silas and Kittie.

Mr. Chamberlain is highly regarded by his townsmen, and while he takes no part in political matters or public affairs as an official, he is nevertheless interested in the cause of good, honest and economical administration of public affairs. He is a Presbyterian and has served as a trustee of the Stanhope church.

JOHN E. FENNELL.

A rising young attorney of Morristown is Mr. John E. Fennell, who is a native of this city, born December 7, 1865. His father, Patrick Fennell, was a native of Ireland and emigrated to the United States in 1837, locating in Morris county, near Morristown, in 1842, and was a well and favorably known blacksmith. He died in 1866, when the subject of this sketch was but a year old, and his widow is still living, here in Morristown.

Of intellectual tendencies, John E. graduated at the Morristown high school at the age of seventeen years, and he is now a member of the Alumni Association of this institution. He studied law under the instructions of Hon. Edmund D. Halsey, late president of the National Iron Bank of Morristown. In 1889 he commenced the practice of law and for some time had his office with his preceptor, and then he opened an office for himself, and at present has two spacious and pleasant office rooms on Washington street.

He is a Republican in his politics, taking a leading part, especially for a man of his age. In 1890 he was a candidate for member of the assembly in a strong Democratic district, and came within a few votes of being elected. In 1892 he was the Republican candidate for the office of surrogate of Morris county, but in the wave of Democracy which then swept the country he was again defeated, although running largely ahead of his ticket; and since that time he has retired from politics and has confined his attention entirely to his legal business.

Mr. Fennell is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of the

Foresters, the Knights of Honor, Knights of Columbus, etc. He is a popular young man, industrious in his profession and his practice is becoming more and more established. A bright future awaits him.

AARON S. SUTTON.

Mr. Sutton, a leading farmer of Parker, Morris county, is especially worthy of mention in this volume, not only because of his relationship to an honored family but also on account of his achievements in business. He was born in Washington township, Morris county, on the 1st of March, 1832, and is a grandson of Aaron Sutton, who was born about 1782 and died about 1844. Aaron Sutton, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in 1799, and followed the dual occupation of farming and milling. He was also somewhat prominent in local public affairs and in his political views was a Democrat. He married Miss Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Charity Able, her father representing one of the oldest families in this county. She was born April 24, 1800, and died on the 29th of July, 1894, at the extreme old age of ninety-four years. Aaron Sutton, Jr., died in 1857. Their children were Julia Ann, deceased wife of William Eick; Mary, widow of Richard Stevens, of Milltown; Eliza Jane, deceased, wife of George Fleming; Aaron; Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Huffman; and Hannah, wife of Philip Scuyler.

Aaron S. Sutton, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in the common district schools of the neighborhood, and on starting out in business life on his own account he located on a farm west of Parker, where he began the marketing of country produce—butter, eggs, etc. He began operations on a very small scale, for his capital was exceedingly limited, but he was industrious, economical and dealt fairly with his patrons and built up a good business, which brought to him a substantial financial reward. As from time to time his financial resources were increased he made judicious investments in real estate, and is now the owner of five good farms, neatly and highly cultivated. He owns five farms and has property in Newark and other investments of equal importance. He votes with the Democracy, but has had neither time nor inclination for public office.

Mr. Sutton has been twice married. In 1858 he wedded Sarah, daughter of Jacob Anderson. She died June 4, 1874, leaving three children: Austin E., who married Edna Van Zelious; Elias, who married Lizzie Myers and is engaged in merchandising in Parker; and Dr. Edward, located in German Valley. In December, 1876, Mr. Sutton was again married, his second union being with Mary, daughter of Isaiah Apgar, and their children are Erastus, Eli and Roy.

THOMAS LOWERY.

The efficient superintendent of the Ballantine farm, of Bernardsville, is Thomas Lowery, who was born in county Donegal, Ireland, December 7, 1839. His father, Robert Lowery, was a farmer in rather indigent circumstances, and as a consequence the son received very meager educational privileges. The latter left the Emerald isle in 1860, when twenty-one years of age, and, sailing from Londonderry to New York, identified his interests with those of the New World. His only acquaintance in America was the late Francis Oliver, of Mendham, then a resident of Bernardsville. The latter readily secured him employment with Bishop Janes, with whom Mr. Lowery remained uninterruptedly for eight and a half years, when he entered the service of John Lyons, with whom he remained for four years. He then married and became superintendent of the farm of A. V. Stout, the president of the Shoe and Leather Bank, of New York, serving acceptably in that capacity for eight years. During that period he was enabled to purchase the Oliver farm.

On the expiration of that time Mr. Lowery removed to his farm in Morris county, near Mendham, remaining thereon for two years, when he was induced to resume the superintendency of Mr. Stout's farm. That gentleman died fifteen months later, and Mr. Lowery then rented the farm and purchased the stock and other chattels necessary for carrying on the business, continuing in charge of that property for eight years. His management was attended with a high degree of prosperity, and his industry, economy and diligence was followed by gratifying financial results. He later sold to Mr. Stout. Mr. Lowery is now the owner of two fine and valuable farms near Mendham, aggregating one hundred and eighty acres of land, and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the community. He was in charge of the Crowndale farm when Mr. Ballantine purchased it, and has since acted as that gentleman's superintendent. He is certainly one of the most capable, progressive, wide-awake and enterprising managers of agricultural interests in the county. He seems to know almost intuitively what is wanted and what is best to be done; but this is really not intuition, but a judgment resulting from a careful study of the question, keen foresight and unremitting watchfulness. It is this that has made him so successful in his operations and lifted him from a humble position to one of prominence in business circles.

Mr. Lowry was married in April, 1873, to Miss Sarah, daughter of William Stephenson, and to them have been born four children: Joseph A., Robert J., William F. and Thomas H. Mr. Lowery is a trustee of the Mendham Methodist church, is a liberal contributor to the support of that

organization and does all in his power for its advancement. He is a very popular man, for his genial manner, uniform courtesy and genuine worth commends him to the confidence, good will and friendship of all with whom he comes in contact.

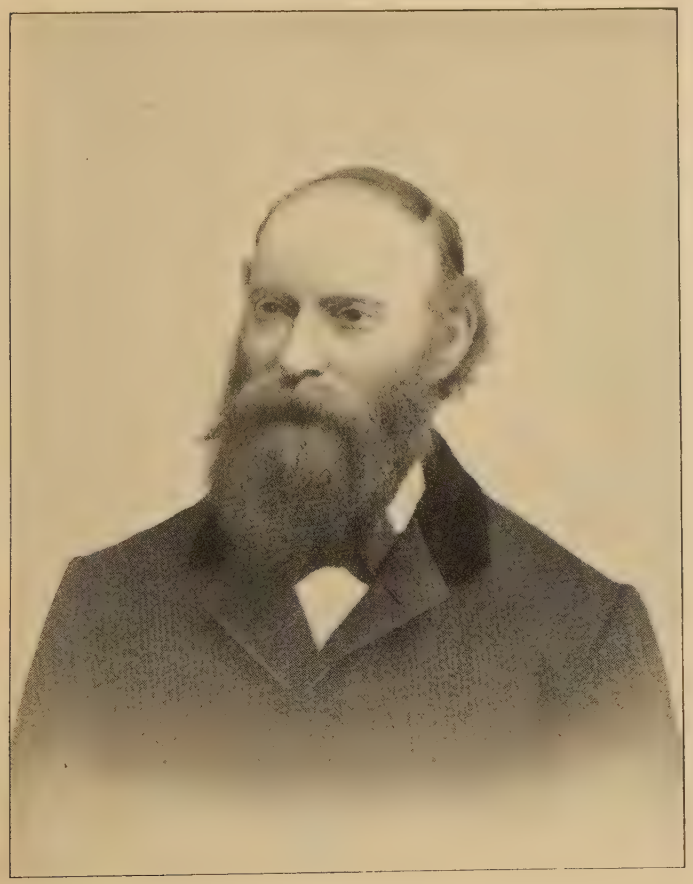
HORACE FORD.

The first of the family to which the subject of this sketch belongs to settle in Morris county was John Ford, who located in what is now Hanover township, in 1710. He came from Philadelphia, by invitation of a man named Budd, who was a surveyor for the British crown and who deeded to Mr. Ford about two hundred acres of land in what is now Hanover township. Upon this land Mr. Ford settled and made improvements, adding to its area from time to time by further purchases.

He married Elizabeth Freeman and among his children were Samuel and Jacob. The latter studied law and practiced his profession as an attorney at Morristown. He acquired considerable land in and near Morristown, on a part of which he erected the building that later became Washington's headquarters during the memorable encampment of the Continental army at Morristown. The building was erected several years prior to the Revolution, and has recently been converted into a memorial hall, with large additions and extensions, under the auspices of the Washington's Headquarters Association.

Samuel Ford, the next descendant in line, passed his life on the old Ford homestead, as a farmer. He married Sarah Baldwin and had the following children: Jonathan; James, the father of the late Rev. John Ford, of Parsippany, where he preached for many years; Demas, who married Mary Lewis, a daughter of the late Rev. Lewis, of Mendham, and during his life became a large land-owner in Morris county; Samuel, who was a farmer in this county, residing here for some time, afterward going to England and returning to America, when he settled in Virginia, where he again married and had a number of children.

Jonathan Ford, the son of Samuel, also passed his entire life on the old homestead mentioned, married Eunice Odell, and had the following children: Charles, grandfather of Horace, the subject of this sketch; Henry, who became a minister and settled in Broome county, New York, where he was a minister the remainder of his life; Odell, who settled at Stockholm, Morris county, where he was a successful manufacturer of iron; Charlotte, who became the wife of Silas Condit, of this county; and Katie, who married Alfred Wells, of Goshen, Orange county, New York.



Horace Ford

William Freeland

Charles Ford, the grandfather of our subject, was a generous and public-spirited man, loyal and patriotic, and a good citizen, who served for a number of years in the militia, during which time he became known as Captain Ford. He was an ardent reader and lover of books, and this fact, along with his constant association with men of intelligence, well fitted him for the many responsibilities and positions that he filled. For a number of years he was county judge. His mother was a daughter of the Rev. Odell, from the vicinity of Elizabeth, this state, who married a daughter of Jonathan Dickinson, the president of Princeton College. Elizabeth Odell, a sister, married James Ford, and their son John studied for the ministry, and another son, Marcus, also studied for the ministry, and followed his calling for a number of years.

Charles Ford was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Burroughs, a daughter of Jacob Burroughs, who was of English ancestry and lived in Chatham township, near Madison, this county. Charles Ford and wife had the following named children: Edwin, who married Jane Pierson, a daughter of Benjamin Pierson, of Madison, this county; Caroline, who became the wife of J. J. Schofield, also of Morris county; Alfred, the father of the subject of this biography; Henry, who married Mary Miller, a daughter of Eliphalet Miller; Phœbe and Nancy, twins, the former married a Mr. Patterson and the other remained unmarried; and Ellen, who became a noted and well known educator in Morris county, remained unmarried and died in the prime of life.

Alfred Ford, the father of Horace Ford, was reared and educated on the old Ford homestead, followed farming pursuits and later became an enterprising and successful business man, at one time owning nine hundred acres of land in Hanover township, near Morristown, and was also largely interested in lands in Michigan and Illinois. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen, always taking an active part in the movements designed for the welfare of the community. He was born in 1805 and died in 1866; but as to the inherited longevity of the family we may add here that his father lived to the age of four-score and two years, and his grandfather, Jonathan Ford, reached the age of ninety years.

For his wife he was united in marriage with Miss Mary, a daughter of William and Susan (Schofield) Bishop. Her mother was a direct descendant of Rev. John Schofield, a Scotch Presbyterian minister who settled at Stamford, Connecticut, near Bridgeport. The children of Mr. Ford were: Charles W., who married Julia Pierson; Mary, unmarried; Jonathan, who died at the age of eighteen years; Julia, who also remained unmarried; Horace, whose name heads this sketch; Charlotte, who became the wife of Rev. William W. Williams, of Keokuk, Iowa; Leander, who married Laura Tuttle and resides

at Whippany, Morris county; and George Odell, who died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. Horace Ford was reared to manhood in Hanover township, acquiring his education at the classical institute at Madison under the tuition of Rev. Paul E. Stevenson. He then engaged in agriculture until 1876, when he established his present livery, sale and exchange business at Boonton,—a business in which he excels, with the success that follows industry and fidelity.

December 26, 1866, he was united in matrimony with Susan Esther Crawford, a daughter of James and Thurza (White) Crawford, and they have had the following children: Theodore W., who married Emma Dawson, a daughter of David and Lucy (Doty) Dawson; Grace C., who became the wife of Rev. William Peck, of Corona, Long Island, and has two children,—Gottlieb and Helen Esther; Charles E., who resides at Bridgeport, Connecticut; and Alfred, who died in early life.

Mr. Ford is a member of the South Street Presbyterian church, of Morristown, and his wife holds her ecclesiastical membership in the Presbyterian church, at Boonton. Politically Mr. Ford cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and, like his father, has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He has filled the office of freeholder for five years and for ten years was a member of the board of town committeemen.

WILLIAM VREELAND.

He to whose life history we now direct attention is one of the oldest and most favorably known farmers living in Morris county. He was born in Montville township, on the 7th of May, 1837, and is a son of Garrett D. and Sarah (Fredericks) Vreeland. He received but a limited education, in the district schools, after leaving which he engaged in farming and has made that vocation his life work, his career being marked by a high degree of success, the logical result of his earnest efforts, his enterprise and his integrity of character. Politically he is a firm advocate of Republican principles, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and in his district he has served as school trustee.

Mr. Vreeland was united in marriage October 11, 1866, to Miss Mary Ann, a daughter of John and Eliza (Decker) Witty, of Montville township, and shortly after this event he and his wife moved to the old homestead, where they have since resided. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vreeland, namely: Ida, who married Irving Fredericks, of Pompton Plains; Ward, born September 13, 1869, married Miss Nellie

Decker, daughter of George Decker, and they reside in Butler, New Jersey, with their two children, Olive and Eva; John E., born February 16, 1873; Annie Agnes; Mary; Ruth and Garrett, who died at the age of sixteen months. Mr. Vreeland and his family are faithful adherents of the Presbyterian church of Boonton.

Garrett D. Vreeland was born in Pequannock township (now Montville) about the year 1812 and started in life in most humble circumstances, working as a farm hand and charcoal burner, but by industry, application and strict integrity of character he advanced along life's highway and in time became one of the wealthy and progressive farmers of Morris county, and among other interests he was a stockholder in the Morristown Bank. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious adherency he was a member of the Pompton Plains Reformed church. His death occurred November 21, 1869, his wife surviving him but a short time, her death occurring April 9, 1870. They were the parents of three children, namely: Jacob I., who was killed by a yoke of steers when he was twenty-one years old; William, our subject; and Phœbe, who married Emmons Decker, of Rockaway township.

Jacob Vreeland, the grandfather of our subject, was the first of the family to locate in Morris county. He married Miss Maria Debow, of Pompton Plains, and settled in Pequannock township, where he reared the following children: Richard, deceased; Garrett, deceased; Henry, now residing in Butler; Jacob, deceased; and Maria, who was twice married, her first husband being James Scott and her second Charles Smith.

FREDERICK GORDON.

A leading merchant of Boonton, Mr. Gordon traces his ancestry directly to David Gordon, who was probably a son of Captain William Gordon and a grandson of Joshua Gordon, who died on the 15th of April, 1777. David Gordon was born in 1759 and died in July, 1852. He married Miss Anna Southward in 1780. He was an iron-worker by trade, a member of the militia during the Revolutionary period, and was a private in the Fifth Company of Foot, First New Jersey Regiment, from July 24, 1777, to January, 1783. His son William was born in 1782, married Elizabeth Rachels, and is buried in Rockaway, New Jersey. John Harvey, a grandson of David, was born October 26, 1805, and was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Atno, and his second Mary Ann Fichter. He was a forgeman, and conducted the Lower Longwood Forge and the Middle Forge. The latter premises are now owned by the United States government, and are used for naval purposes and storage warehouses. After his second marriage he became a circuit rider in the Methodist church, still continuing his occupa-

tion at the forge. He resided in Boonton for a time, and subsequently moved to Montville, where his death occurred October 4, 1855. William Gordon, a son by his second wife and the father of our subject, was born at Middle Forge, March 6, 1839, and became a mechanic, and for the past thirty years he has had charge of the water-works for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, located between Easton and Hoboken. He was married, June 27, 1860, to Miss Susan Unangst, who was born September 14, 1843, a daughter of John Unangst, who was supervisor of the Morris canal for a number of years, being now deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, namely: Laura, born January 16, 1862, is now Mrs. C. Byron Dixon, of Rockaway Valley; Frederick; Mary, born April 6, 1869; and Harry, born September 27, 1880.

Frederick Gordon, the immediate subject of this mention, was born in Boonton, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 3d of March, 1864, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. At the age of thirteen years he went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, and became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company, retaining that position for a short time, and then returned to his home in Boonton, where he secured a clerkship in the grocery store of a Mr. Porter, where he remained for four years, subsequently engaging as a fireman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. After serving a few years in that capacity he returned to Boonton, purchased an interest in the business of his former employer, Mr. Porter, this partnership continuing until 1894, when Mr. Porter retired and our subject has since conducted one of the most successful and enterprising grocery establishments in Morris county, carrying a complete stock of fancy and staple groceries and enjoying the patronage of some of the best people in Boonton and vicinity. He began business on his own account in 1894, and his trade has so continuously increased that from time to time he has been compelled to enlarge the facilities of his store in order to meet the demands of his trade. In addition to his grocery and dry-goods departments he has now a large and well assorted stock of furniture and house furnishing goods, thus making his store one of the largest establishments of the kind in Boonton.

Mr. Gordon is a charter member of the Boonton National Bank and is also interested in other enterprises in his home city. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and socially is affiliated with Arcania Lodge, No. 60, Free and Accepted Masons.

On October 24, 1889, at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Thomas Carter solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gordon and Miss Annie Trimble, whose parents, James and Eliza (Curry) Trimble, were born in Scotland. The father died in July, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have one child, Newell

David E. Quinby.

Harrison Quinby

Trimble, who was born September 26, 1890. They are both members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder and an active worker. He is a member of the board of trade and occupies a conspicuous place in the ranks of Boonton business men.

DAVID E. QUINBY.

One whose connection with the agricultural interests of Morris county has been both profitable and honorable, Mr. Quinby was born in Halseytown, New Jersey, on the 6th of December, 1822, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (DeHart) Quinby. His father was born in Orange, Essex county, New Jersey, November 2, 1788, and was a son of Josiah Quinby, who located, in 1797, on the farm where our subject now resides, and erected a gristmill in the town of Troy. He later purchased a farm and engaged in the manufacture of shoes for the southern trade. He attended the Presbyterian church, and in his political belief was a Whig. He was twice married, lived to an advanced age and had a family of children, as follows: James; Isaac; David; Moses; Josiah; Rachel, wife of Robert Green; Martha, wife of Daniel DeHart; Anna, wife of Sylvanus Howell; and Jemima, wife of William Davis.

Isaac Quinby, the father of our subject, learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth and afterward carried on an extensive business for those days, giving employment to a large force of workmen. He also followed farming and was a successful business man. He acceptably served as magistrate for about twenty-five or thirty years, was elected to represent his district in the state legislature on two different occasions and for three terms was judge of the county court, filling all these offices with marked ability. Politically he was a Whig and was a man of great influence in the community. He was married December 24, 1812, to Miss Sarah DeHart, a native of Hanover township, Morris county, and a daughter of John and Jane DeHart, the DeHart family having been established in this county in colonial days. The original ancestors here located on a grant of land received from King George II, of England, which is still in possession of their descendants. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Quinby were born the following children: Phœbe, who was born February 5, 1815, married Davis Vail, and died October 27, 1877; William, who was born February 9, 1817; John Alonzo, born November 27, 1818; Isaac F., born January 29, 1820; David E., born December 6, 1822; Emma J., who was born March 6, 1825, and is the wife of George Cobb, of Newark, New Jersey; Thomas N., who was born May 27, 1827, and died at the age of six years; Dewitt Clinton, born February 8, 1830; George A., born March 1, 1832; Sarah, who was born August 4, 1834, and died September 7, 1846;

and Mary Ann, who was born December 12, 1836, and married William Z. Gurnee. The mother of this family was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Quinby died January 29, 1866, and his wife departed this life in 1878.

David E. Quinby spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and conned his lessons in the public schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home with his parents until 1850, when he make preparations for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Sarah Louise Harrison, who was born in Hanover township, Morris county, January 16, 1829, a daughter of Samuel B. and Betsey C. R. Harrison. Her father was a son of Amos Harrison, of Orange, New Jersey. After his marriage our subject settled on the old Harrison homestead, where he has since followed farming. Of late years he has also extensively engaged in the dairy business and has found this a profitable source of income; the products of his dairy, on account of their excellent quality, always finding a ready sale on the market.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Quinby was blessed with three children: Clara L., who was born November 13, 1852, and is now the wife of Edwin S. Wilson, of Whippany, the marriage having been celebrated November 13, 1872; William H., who was born May 12, 1862; and Harrison, who was born May 11, 1866.

Mr. Quinby has been called to public office by those who recognize his worth and ability and his fitness for public honors. He has served on the county board of freeholders, and all trusts reposed in him are faithfully performed. He holds membership in the Methodist church, as did his first wife, who died in 1895. He was again married October 20, 1896, his second union being with Anna Mitchell, a native of Troy Hills, and a daughter of John Nelson Mitchell.

Harrison Quinby, the son of our subject, was reared in his parents' home and his primary education, obtained in the common schools, was supplemented by a course in the Fordville Boarding School. He was then connected with the telephone business in New York city for a time, after which he purchased the paper-mill at Hamburg, New Jersey, conducting that enterprise for eight years. On his retirement from that line of business, he returned to the old homestead, where he is now engaged in the cultivation of roses and carnations for the New York market. His business is extensive and is constantly increasing. He is a man of sound judgment, keen discretion and energy, and is meeting with good success in his undertakings.

On the 27th of November, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Harrison Quinby to Miss Eva Edsall, a native of Hamburg, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Edsall. Their children are Clara Lane, who was

born June 13, 1890, and died December 29, 1896; Eugene Edsall, born August 26, 1891; and Elizabeth, born March 15, 1893.

Harrison Quinby is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and his wife belongs to the Episcopal church. In his political associations he is a Democrat, and for six years has filled the office of township clerk, his continuance in the office standing in evidence of his fidelity to duty. The Quinby family is one of prominence in this section of Morris county, and its record is one well deserving of a place in this volume.

JOHN B. HULSE.

This gentleman bears a name that has long been identified with Kenvil and vicinity, several generations of the Hulse family having resided here.

Jonas Hulse, the grandfather of John B., was a native of Orange county, New York, and removed from there to Morris county, New Jersey. He was a foreman on the construction of the Morris and Essex canal. Later he located on a farm adjoining the village of Kenvil, and in the quiet of agricultural pursuits passed the rest of his life. Subsequently a portion of his land was sold to the Atlantic Dynamite Company and their factory located upon it. Jonas Hulse and his wife had the following named children: Sarah, who married John Hance; Margaret; Harriet, wife of Abram Dickerson; Effie, who married James Williamson; William, who married a Miss Smith; and Hiram, who married Miss Amanda Budd, daughter of John Budd.

Hiram Hulse was the father of our subject. He was born in 1828 and died in 1882. At the time his parents came to New Jersey he was very small, and at Kenvil he grew to manhood, obtaining his education chiefly in the broad school of experience. In 1867 he engaged in merchandising at Kenvil, conducted a successful business, and acquired a fair amount of this world's goods, being in good circumstances at the time of his death. He was one of the most prominent and influential men of the town, taking an active interest in all political and public matters, yet quiet and unostentatious. His political faith was that of the Democratic party. He aided in furnishing funds to conduct campaigns, and, when called upon, performed his duty as a public servant. For a number of years he served his township as a freeholder. He and his wife were the parents of two children,—John B. and Jonas W. The latter is the leading merchant in Port Morris. He married Lizzie Salmon, daughter of George I. Salmon, and they have one child.

John B. Hulse was born in Kenvil, New Jersey, April 1, 1855, and his whole life has been passed here. When he was eighteen he became a clerk in his father's store, soon learned every detail of the business, and remained in the store in the capacity of clerk until his father's death. Then, as one of

the heirs, he aided in conducting the business for some years, until he and his brother, Jonas W., under the name of Hulse Brothers, succeeded the late firm. They were associated under this style until September, 1895, when the partnership was dissolved and John B. Hulse became sole proprietor. He has since conducted business alone, carrying a large stock of well-assorted general merchandise, and keeping up the reputation for honorable and upright dealing established so long ago by his father.

In politics, as well as business, Mr. Hulse has taken the place of his honored father. His attachment to Democracy is firm and constant, and whatever service he can render in a quiet way is cheerfully given.

Mr. Hulse has been married twice. His first wife was before her marriage Miss Ella Halsey, she being a daughter of Major Thomas Halsey. Some time after her death he wedded Miss Ella O. Stackhouse. He has two children by his first marriage, Halsey and Frank.

WARREN D. GARDNER.

Mr. Gardner was born in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, on the 14th of February, 1845, and is now a resident of Succasunna, Morris county. New England was the home of his ancestors and in the war of the Revolution the family was represented by its patriotic members who fought for the independence of the nation. The grandfather was Samuel Gardner, and his children were Mrs. Dorcas Arnold; Mrs. Hannah Vaughan; Mrs. Weltham Hall; John, who married Mary Parkhurst; and George S.

The last named was born in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, in the year 1799, and passed away in 1863. He married Hannah Hopkins, a daughter of Joseph Hopkins, and they became the parents of three children. John G., now of Red Cliff, Colorado; George A., of Brooklyn, New York; and Warren D., the subject of this sketch. Warren D. Gardner pursued his education in the public schools until sixteen years of age. He learned much of sea life by engaging in the coasting trade aboard a schooner, on which he rose to the rank of mate. When his country became involved in civil war and the south attempted to overthrow the government which his ancestors had aided in founding, he laid aside the pursuits of civil life and went to the defense of the Union.

It was on the 17th of September, 1861, that Mr. Gardner joined the "boys in blue" as a volunteer of Company K, Fourth Rhode Island Infantry, in which command he served for thirteen months. His regiment was aboard the transport Arizona bound for the front, when that vessel encountered a severe storm in which it was tossed about at the mercy of the wind and waves for three days. With his regiment Mr. Gardner participated in

the battles of Roanoke, Fort Macon and Newberne, the last named being fought on his birthday. He resigned from his command after serving for nearly thirteen months and received an honorable discharge September 25, 1862. Not long after, however, he enlisted in the Third Regiment, Rhode Island troops, which joined General Banks' command and participated in the Red River expedition and the battle of Pleasant Hill, and for three months was stationed at Alexandria, Louisiana, where the command was engaged on the construction of Bailey's dam across Red river, being under the enemy's fire every day during the entire time. Mr. Gardner was mustered out of service on the 29th of November, 1865, and with an honorable war record returned to his home.

He took an active interest in military affairs in his native state and was prominently identified with the Rhode Island state militia for some years. He enlisted in the Kentish Guards, one of the oldest regiments in the United States, the first colonel of which was General Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Gardner was promoted from the rank of sergeant through the various positions of company and regiment until commissioned colonel of the above mentioned guards by Governor Burnside, one of the famous war generals.

In January, 1867, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Alice L., daughter of Horace Harrington, and of this union have been born five children: Nettie H., wife of Richard FitzHerbert, by whom she has three children, Florance, Bertha and Alice; Warren D., a graduate of the New York City School of Pharmacy and of Coleman's Business College, of Newark, and now a druggist of Succasunna; Elmer E.; George D. and Hattie R.

In regard to his business affairs, Mr. Gardner has ever led a busy and industrious life. He learned the carpenter's trade in his early years and for some time was a contractor and builder in his native city. For some years prior to leaving Rhode Island he was connected with the American Mill Company, in the capacity of mechanic, and when that firm failed in business he was offered a similar position with the Atlantic Dynamite Company, at Kenvil, Morris county. For seventeen years he has now served with this house, one of its most capable, faithful and industrious employes, having the full confidence of his employers and the warm regard of his fellow workmen.

In politics Mr. Gardner is a Democrat and is well known as an active and influential party man in his township. He and his eldest son are members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also belongs to the German Valley Encampment. In his religious associations he is a Baptist, and in church, political, social and business circles he has gained the good will and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact by his upright and

well spent life. He manifested his loyalty to the government on the tented field, and the same patriotic spirit to-day prevails in the discharge of his duties of citizenship whereby he upholds the starry banner.

EDWARD L. BOISAUBIN.

In both a personal and ancestral way the record of this honored citizen of Morris county is of interesting character and he is clearly entitled to district representation in this compilation. Mr. Boisaubin is descended from one of the most prominent French families that settled in New Jersey at an early day. His father, Amédée Boisaubin, was a native of Morristown, and his death occurred in New York city, about 1843 or 1844. During his residence in Madison he was recognized as its leading citizen, being a man of high character and marked ability. He married a daughter of Edward Thebaud, and her death occurred in 1852. Amédée Boisaubin and wife became the parents of six sons, of whom one, Vincent, was born in the West Indies, where the parents were for some time located, the father having gone there to superintend his extensive plantations. He also had large landed interests in New Jersey. The other five sons were born in Morris county, and were as follows: Amédée and Mark, who were born in Morristown; Edward L., the subject of this review; Louis, who died in 1892; and Alfred, who is a resident of Brooklyn, New York.

Edward L. Boisaubin was born in Madison, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 12th of April, 1837. He passed his childhood days in his native city, and has always made his home in the immediate vicinity of that city. Early in life he assumed the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and he has ever since applied his energies to the cultivation of the soil, being a very progressive, enterprising and practical farmer. At length he sold the old homestead to Mr. Tomley, a son-in-law of William K. Vanderbilt, and since that time he has devoted his attention to the raising of mushrooms and the cultivation of roses, for the New York market. In both lines he has been very successful, finding a ready sale for both the table delicacy and the "queen of flowers," his mushroom garden being one of the finest in this section of the state. For a period of twenty-two years he was engaged in the dairy business, and his capable management made that also a profitable source of income. His home is beautifully located on the Convent road, one of the most attractive and fashionable localities in Morris county.

In 1862 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Boisaubin and Miss Sarah Blanchet, a daughter of Augustus Blanchet, of Madison. They became the parents of five children: Caroline; Augustine, deceased; Edward, who is

married and has two children—Edward and John; and Helen and Emma, who are still at the parental home.

The family attend St. Vincent's Catholic church, which was established and built by Mr. Boisaubin's father at an early day. Our subject was educated in Mount St. Mary's College, being a student in that institution contemporaneously with Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop McClosky, Father McNulty, of Philadelphia, and many other noted men in the Catholic church. Mr. Boisaubin is a man of scholarly tastes and strong mentality, and there are few who are better informed on matters of general interest. In his political proclivities he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and he wields a strong influence in local politics, as well as other affairs of a public nature, for his ability well fits him for leadership in the realms of thought and action.

JAMES LARISON.

One of the prosperous farmers of Chester, Mr. Larison is the fifth in descent in direct line from the Dane who came to the shores of America during the colonial epoch and established the Larison family in the New World. He located on Long Island, whence his son William, upon attaining his majority, came to New Jersey. The latter purchased four hundred acres of land in Morris county, a part of which is now comprised within the farm owned by our subject. The date of that purchase was January 1, 1745, and the old transfer, on parchment, is now in possession of James Larison and shows the property to have been deeded by "Fretwell Wright to William Larason." A slight change has since been made in the spelling of the family name. The eldest son and child of William Larason was James, who was born January 11, 1763. He was married on the 27th of September, 1785, to Miss Sarah Wortman, and their children were: William, who was born February 1, 1786; Elizabeth, who was born September 5, 1788, and married Joshua Dickerson; Mary, who was born March 22, 1791, and married John Sperry; Peter, born October 26, 1794; James, born April 23, 1797; Wortman, born January 15, 1800; Nancy, born August 15, 1803; and Andrew, born October 18, 1806.

Of this family James Larison, the seventh child, became the father of our subject. He was married February 16, 1856, to Mary Ann Sharp, a daughter of Morris S. and Mary Ann (Thomas) Sharp. Her parents were married October 12, 1820, and had seven children, as follows: Eliza, born September 4, 1821, was married October 14, 1841, to George Karr; William L., born December 2, 1822, married Matilda A. Karr on the 16th of October, 1855; Nathan, born June 4, 1824, married Ann Louisa Peare, August

13, 1846; Sylvester, who was born July 1, 1827, was married May 18, 1850, to Mary E. Bunn; Davia A., who was born February 5, 1830, was married December 23, 1852, to Charlotte E. Peare; and Mary Ann, the mother of our subject, was born October 22, 1832, completing the family. Her father, Morris Sharp, was born August 10, 1796, and his wife was born September 19, 1795.

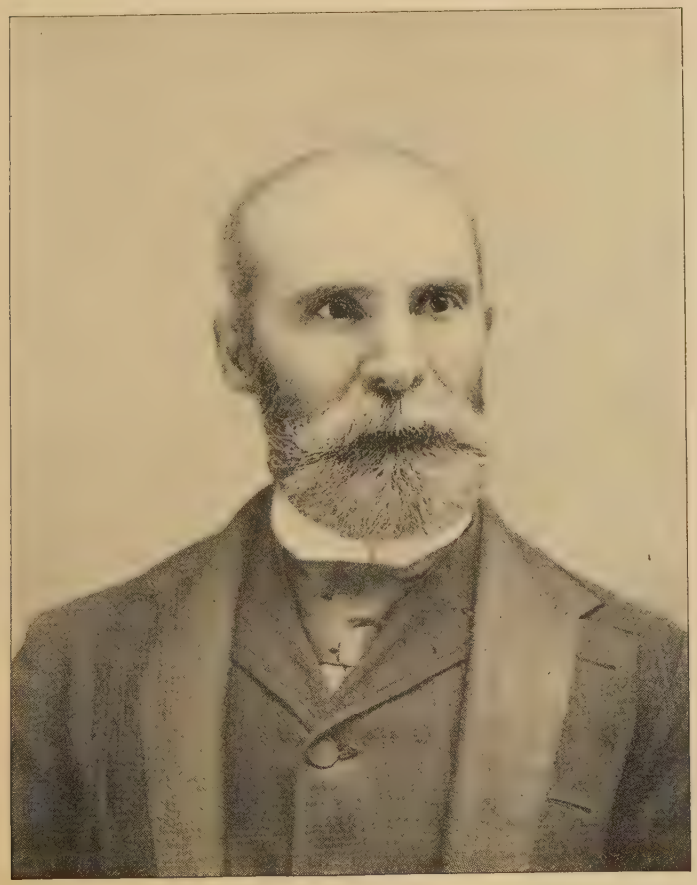
James Larison, the father of our subject, spent his life on the farm which is now the property of his namesake, and was accounted one of the leading and substantial agriculturists of Chester township. He died December 8, 1873, and his wife passed away on the 10th of July, 1896. Their children were James, who was born January 4, 1857; Peter, born June 13, 1858; Joseph, born November 15, 1859; Floyd M., born May 4, 1861; and Mary E., born March 7, 1869.

The schools of Chester afforded James Larison, our subject, his educational privileges and in life's school of experience he has learned many valuable and practical lessons that have made him a well-informed man. He entered upon his business career as an employe of the Newark trolley lines, and after four years of that work returned to the farm, where he has since resided. He now owns one hundred and eighty acres of the original tract which was purchased by the original Morris county ancestor, and has a finely developed farm, improved with all modern accessories and conveniences.

Mr. Larison was married December 5, 1894, the lady of his choice being Lydia J., daughter of William Barton, of Somerset county. They have one child, Banas J., born April 30, 1897. Like his ancestors, Mr. Larison has been a lifelong Democrat, and is not only regarded as an intelligent and progressive farmer, but is also known as a worthy and valuable citizen.

ALBERT Z. DURYEA.

The progenitor of the Duryea family in America was Joist Duryea, who came to this country, in 1675, from Manheim, on the Rhine, Germany. He was a descendant of French Huguenots who fled from Paris, France, at the time of the religious persecutions and located in the north German states. Joist Duryea, on coming to the New World, took up his abode at New Utrecht, on Long Island, whence he subsequently removed to Newtown. Later he went to Bushwick, now a part of Brooklyn, where he died about 1727. He married and had eleven children, namely: Joist, Peter, Jacob, Abraham, Charles, Jacques, Antoinette, Magdalena, Cornelius, Simeon and Philip. Jacob Duryea, the third son of the family, was born in 1685 and was baptized November 21, 1686. He married Katrina Polhemus, a daugh-



Samuel L. Garrison.

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ter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Havemeyer) Polhemus. Her father was the second son of the Rev. Johannis Theodorus Polhemus, who was the first Protestant minister on Long Island, having located there in 1676. He preached for a time at Flatbush and Flat Lands, and also in Brooklyn. To Jacob and Katrina Duryea were born eight children, as follows: Daniel, of Jamaica, born in 1704; Joist, of Jamaica, born in 1709; Johannis, Jacob and Abraham, all of New York; Cornelius, Hendrick and Magdalena.

Daniel Duryea, the eldest son of Jacob Duryea, was born February 12, 1728, and died August 21, 1804. He was married December 10, 1750, to Vrontje Van Dien, who was born May 20, 1734, and they had eight children, namely: Katrina, born September 17, 1751; Marija, born December 4, 1754; Jarmetje, born January 18, 1757; Richard, born July 23, 1760; Peter, born January 4, 1763; Hendrick, born February 20, 1765; Samuel, born November 9, 1767; and Garret, born April 8, 1770. Peter Duryea, the fifth of this family, married Rachel Zabriskie, but had no children. Samuel, the seventh, and the grandfather of our subject, was married February 18, 1788, to Ann Kingsland. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that pursuit for many years. With his wife he removed from New York city to Morris county, New Jersey, at an early day. Their children were Daniel, who was born December 24, 1790, and married Elizabeth Van Orden, December 24, 1812; Mary, who was born January 29, 1792, and married Thomas Sturthevant, April 13, 1820; Edmund, father of our subject; Richard, born April 17, 1797; Peter, who was born December 25, 1800, and married Elizabeth Hobby; Isaac, who was born October 19, 1803, and married Ellen Purrain, December 25, 1827; Garret, born April 23, 1805.

Edmund Duryea, father of our subject, was born in Montville, New Jersey, January 16, 1795, and was reared by his uncle, Richard Duryea. He became a farmer, devoting his attention to the tilling of the soil throughout the greater part of his life. He was married July 2, 1814, to Hettie Hylor, and they became the parents of five children who reached years of maturity: Richard, a resident of Boonton; Maria, deceased wife of James Young, of Boonton; Abraham, deceased; Charity, deceased; wife of David Jacobus, of White Hall; and Albert. The father of this family was a prominent member of the Dutch Reformed church and a leading citizen of the community. His death occurred July 26, 1892, and his wife passed away March 2, 1882.

Albert Zabriskie Duryea, whose name begins this record, was born March 26, 1837, on the farm where he now carries on agricultural pursuits. In the district schools near his home he acquired his education and then entered upon his business career by learning the carpenter's trade in Newark and in New York city. He followed that pursuit for some years, but is now

devoting his energies to the farm, which he has placed under a good state of cultivation. The fields are well tilled, everything in good repair, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates the careful supervision of the owner.

Mr. Duryea's home is presided over by one of the estimable ladies of the township, who in her maidenhood was Miss Mary Matilda Pierce, daughter of Henry G. and Emeline (Hicks) Pierce, of Newark. Their marriage was celebrated May 2, 1860, and four children graced their union, namely: Anna Maria, born November 11, 1863, now the wife of Charles L. Van Duyne, of Union Hill, Hudson county, New Jersey, by whom she has three children—Ernest, Mary Matilda and Grace; William A., who was born July 29, 1865, and married Elizabeth Seaman, by whom he has two children—Elsie May and Richard Halsey; Edward E., born May 25, 1870, now at home; and Raymond P., who was born December 18, 1875, and makes his home in Newark.

In his political associations Mr. Duryea is a Democrat, and for thirteen years served as county committeemen, proving a most capable and trustworthy officer. He has also been school trustee for many years and has greatly advanced the cause of education by his earnest, untiring efforts. The family attend the Dutch Reformed church and are well known in this community.

SAMUEL L. GARRISON.

The proprietor and editor of the Boonton Weekly Bulletin, at Boonton, Morris county, New Jersey, was born in Deerfield township, Cumberland county, this state, February 8, 1845. His father was Jonathan Garrison, and his mother, whose name before marriage was Amy Loder, was a daughter of Zenas and Barbara Loder, both of whom were descendants from German ancestors, settling in New Jersey before the American Revolution.

Jonathan Garrison was a son of Ailie and Susanna Garrison, the father of Susanna being a descendant from a Holland family; and family tradition says that Ailie Garrison was a son of a Scotchman named Daniel, who came to America and settled in the southern part of New Jersey. For his life occupation Ailie Garrison followed the tilling of the soil, and was known to be a just and conscientious man in all his affairs of life. He lived to be nearly four-score years of age, bringing up seven children to the years of maturity, namely: Daniel, who married and had a large family, and passed his life in Cumberland county; Jonathan, the father of Samuel L., the subject of this sketch; William, who married and had three daughters, also spending his life in Cumberland county; John, who married and had sons and daughters, and

also passed his life in the same county; Ailie, who also had sons and daughters, and lived in the same county; Susan, who married Abijah Harris, of Cumberland county, and had a number of daughters; and Hannah, who became the wife of Abel Garton and had sons and daughters, and was a resident of Cumberland county.

Jonathan Garrison, the father of the subject of this sketch, received a common-school education, such as farmers' sons usually obtained in those days, and spent his early years of manhood on the farm. Leaving the latter, he engaged in business, in which he was successful; and he also worked at the iron trade in Bridgeton, Cumberland county, this state, for a number of years. He was a well informed man, having acquired a considerable knowledge by his association with men of intelligence and learning, which well fitted him for a successful business career. He was a generous and hospitable man and a willing contributor to church and charitable enterprises, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away May 12, 1873, aged sixty-seven years. His faithful wife survived him till August 4, 1888. Their children were as follows: Mary, now the wife of Thomas Fisher, of Bridgeton, New Jersey; Sarah, now Mrs. Samuel Fisher, of Morristown; Margaret, unmarried; Jane, the widow of Joseph Acton, of Hopewell township, Cumberland county; Caroline, who married Edward S. Reeves and is now deceased; Phœbe, who died at the age of seventeen years; Susanna, who died at the age of seven years; Samuel Loder, the subject of this sketch; and Jonathan, who died in early life.

Samuel L. Garrison received his early mental training in the schools of Bridgeton. When he had arrived at the age of fourteen he engaged for a year as a clerk and then learned the printing trade, which he followed until 1863, when he went to Millville, this state, where he became assistant editor of the Millville Republican, which position he filled until 1872. Then he came to Boonton and became associated with E. B. Dawson in the publication of the Boonton Weekly Bulletin. In 1873 he assumed full control of the Bulletin as editor and publisher, and has continued in this position to the present time. His master hand is shown in both departments of the business, as his success and popularity have proved for so many years.

May 9, 1867, is the date of Mr. Garrison's marriage to Miss Mary Ferguson, who was born August 30, 1847, a daughter of Thomas S. and Rhoda (Buzby) Ferguson, and they have the following named children: Wilbert, who is a graduate of the Boonton high school and is at present the treasurer of the firm of Corlies, Macy & Company, of New York city, of which firm he is also a member; he married Emily Louise Brightman, and his children are Wilbert Brightman and Lewis Ferguson. Samuel L. Garrison's second son is Samuel Claude, a student in the law department of the New York Univer-

sity; his next, Thomas Ferguson, a student at the Boonton grammar school; and Mary Florence, also a student at the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison and their sons Wilbert and Samuel C. are consistent members of the Boonton Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Garrison is the present district steward of the Paterson district, and one of the vice-presidents of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference Laymen's Association. Politically, Mr. Garrison is an ardent supporter of the Republican party. He has been mayor of Boonton; a member of the board of education, and has rendered valuable assistance in establishing and sustaining the various industries in his town.

WILLIAM ROOME.

Maintaining his home in Butler, Mr. Roome is widely known as a surveyor of eastern New Jersey and is deputy for the Board of Proprietors. He was born on the 1st of May, 1834, in Bloomingdale (now Butler), Morris county, New Jersey. His father, Benjamin Roome, was born in Morris county in 1799, and was a son of Joseph Roome, who spent his entire life on a farm in the vicinity of Newfoundland, Morris county. He was descended from Dutch ancestry, and married Sarah Elyea, by whom he had twelve children. When the war of 1812 was inaugurated he aided in the defense of his country against Great Britain. After a long and useful life of ninety-seven years, he was called to the home beyond in 1870.

Benjamin Roome was reared in Morris county and in 1816 began surveying. Some of the important work of his early life was the locating of large tracts of land for the Board of Proprietors. Later he became commissioner for the Rutherford estates in Passaic and Sussex counties, and was otherwise closely identified with land lines, locations and measurements over a large scope of country in New Jersey. He enjoyed extraordinary health and vigor and continued his active labors with compass and chain until he had reached the age of ninety years. He served his township as assessor, both before and after the division of said township, his last service covering the twenty years between 1852 and 1872. His political support was given the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the Republican party, continuing one of its earnest advocates until his death, which occurred in 1894. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Berry and was a daughter of Jacob Berry, died in 1873.

The sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children, William Roome spent his boyhood in his parents' home, and in the winter season mastered the common English branches as taught in the common schools of the neighborhood. Through the summer months, between the ages of thirteen and

sixteen years, he aided in the work of plowing the fields, raking the hay and gathering the corn. He then entered a grocery store of Paterson as clerk, and at the age of eighteen, in 1852, he embarked in the lumber trade in Newark in connection with a Mr. Van Wagenen. After four years spent in that way he made a trip to Minnesota, for the purpose of visiting the country and prospecting, and upon his return, in the autumn, he engaged in surveying, which he followed for two years. He then engaged once more in the lumber business, being for three years associated with W. R. & M. Sayre, of Newark, and in the spring of 1863 he removed to Plainview, Minnesota, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Mr. Roome was married in the west in April, 1865, and brought his bride to New Jersey on their wedding tour, but in September of the same year returned to the west, stopping for a visit at Agency City, Iowa, where Mrs. Roome's parents had in the meantime located. In the spring of 1866 he returned to Plainview, Minnesota, where he accepted a position as bookkeeper and general superintendent in a large store, acceptably serving in that capacity until 1872, when he again came to his old home in Morris county, New Jersey, and has since engaged in surveying here. He is the author of an interesting pamphlet on the Early Days and Early Surveys of Eastern New Jersey, and is one of the best informed men on land surveys in the state. He has done the land-surveying for the East Jersey Water Company, in New Jersey, is surveyor for ex-Mayor Hewitt, of New York, who owns about twenty thousand acres in New Jersey, and has charge of much of the Rutherford estate of Passaic and Sussex counties.

The home relations of Mr. Roome are very pleasant. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Josephine Burton, and was born in Port Huron, Michigan, her parents being William A. and Ann (Carnell) Burton. They now have two children: Ella Josephine, wife of Richard H. Lamscha, superintendent of one of the postal divisions of Brooklyn, New York; and Allison Burton, who was graduated in Rutgers College in the class of 1896, as civil engineer, when nineteen years of age, and is now an inspector for the Continental Fire Insurance Company, of New York. The family have a wide acquaintance in this section of the state, and Mr. Roome commands the high regard of those who have known him from boyhood, as well as the acquaintances of later years, a fact which indicates a life well spent.

GEORGE C. COATES, M. D.

Dr. Coates, who is engaged in the practice of his profession in Butler, was born in Warwick, Orange county, New York, on the 22d of May, 1865, his parents being Charles W. and Sarah E. (Sprague) Coates. The latter

were married in Orange county, and became the parents of seven children, namely: Ada A., who is living in Warwick, New York; Amelia B., wife of Richard Schofield, of Warwick; Martha J., wife of James Schofield, of Pompton, New Jersey; James W., of Warwick; Charles W. and Clarence E., who are also living in that town; and George C.

Dr. Coates acquired his literary education in Warwick Institute, in his native town, and entered upon his business career as clerk in a grocery store in West Milford, New Jersey, where he remained for three years. In the meantime he had determined to turn his energies into professional channels, and began reading medicine with Dr. Utter, of West Milford, who directed his studies until, after thorough preparation, he entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York. He completed the course in three years and was graduated in that institution with the class of 1888. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Butler, where he has since remained, engaged in a lucrative and constantly increasing business. He is progressive and enterprising, thoroughly well read on the science of medicine, and from the faithful performance of each day's duty he gains inspiration and strength for the work of the next. He is accounted one of the successful young physicians of Morris county, and his ability insures him still greater prominence and prosperity.

The Doctor was married on the 5th of February, 1888, to Miss Orilla Bailey, daughter of Eugene and Harriet (Smith) Bailey, of Butler. They now have an interesting little daughter, Olive May. The Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men. He manifests a patriotic interest in the welfare and progress of his adopted county and does all in his power for its advancement. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he once served as coroner of Morris county, but has never been an aspirant for official honors. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and give liberal support to church and charitable enterprises.

CHARLES A. BAKER.

As an ex-representative to the assembly of this state and as an enterprising business man, Mr. Baker should be accorded special mention in this work, devoted, as it is, to a portrayal of the lives of the leading and influential men of his day and place.

Charles A. Baker was born in Roxbury township, Morris county, New Jersey, May 2, 1852, and belongs to a family long resident of this locality. The venerable Jeremiah Baker, of Kenvil, New Jersey, is now seventy-two years of age, and has passed his whole life in the locality where he now lives.

Chas A Baker

For many years he was engaged in the hotel business. He served the township as freeholder some years and also served as town committeeman. His father was Andrew Baker and his grandfather Jeremiah Baker. The older members of the family were all farmers, and one of them owned a tannery also. Andrew Baker married a Miss Hurd, and their son Jeremiah wedded Miss Mercy Salmon, daughter of Richard S. Salmon. The children of Jeremiah and Mercy Baker are Charles A., whose name graces this review; Richard S., who married Miss Annie Phillips; Mary A., wife of Charles Solton; Sylvester G., who married Sylvenia Merritt; and Nancy, wife of Wesley Ryerson.

Charles A. Baker grew up at his birthplace and received his early training in the district schools. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, with which he was connected for fifteen years, his last service with the company being as assistant dispatcher at Port Morris. After severing his connection with the railroad he engaged in the bottling business at Kenvil, in company with his brother, Sylvester G., the firm being Baker Brothers. This business he is still operating successfully.

Mr. Baker, like his father before him, is a stanch Republican. For years he has been recognized as a potent influence in local politics, and in November, 1893, he was elected a representative to the assembly of the state. The following year he was re-elected. During his membership in that honored body he rendered valued service on a number of important committees. He served on the committees of banks and insurance, game and fish, school for deaf mutes and reformed school. He also was on the joint committee on federal relations. During his last term he introduced and secured the passage of a game law that was probably the most satisfactory that has been enacted.

Mr. Baker was married in German Valley, New Jersey, January 1, 1880. to Elizabeth A. Trimmer, daughter of Anthony Trimmer, of Middle Valley. Their children are Ethel A., Albert W., Mary T. and Charles A., Jr.

Fraternally Mr. Baker is identified with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, having membership in Musconetcong Lodge, No. 151, F. & A. M., and Succasunna Lodge, No. 181, I. O. O. F.

ANDREW DUFFORD.

A resident of Middle Valley, New Jersey, Mr. Dufford is one of the wealthy and influential farmers of his locality. As such, some personal mention of him is highly appropriate in this work. Indeed, without the record of his life this compendium would be incomplete.

Andrew Dufford is a son of George Dufford and was born on the 4th of January, 1842, near Parker, Morris county, New Jersey. He was reared to farm pursuits, was educated under the direction of the country school-teacher, and remained at his parental home until he reached the age of twenty-one years. Up to the time he was twenty-one all his earnings went into the family coffer. At that age he began farming independently, and has ever since been regarded as one of the progressive and prosperous men of German Valley. He has acquired considerable property. At Middle Valley he owns a large farm upon which he has recently completed a handsome and expensive residence, complete in all its appointments; and has a farm at Fairmount besides other tracts, the total being about three hundred and twenty-five acres. Also he owns a business property in Naughright. Personally, he has a supervision over all his land, and its well-kept, up-to-date appearance at once stamps the owner and manager as a man of thrift and enterprise.

Politically, Mr. Dufford is a Democrat; and while he is well posted on the issues of the day and takes a commendable interest in politics, he is not an active politician. Religiously, he is a Lutheran and is identified with the local organization of this church.

Mr. Dufford was married July 3, 1886, to Miss Laura Philhower, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Huffman) Philhower. Her grandfather was Samuel Huffman. Mr. and Mrs. Philhower's children, besides Mrs. Dufford, are: Anna, wife of John Moore; Melissa, wife of Charles Sutphen; Ella, wife of William Voorhees; Margaret, wife of John Woodruff; Barbara A., wife of Hiram Huffman; Euphiemia, wife of Charles Regar; and Lewis A. Philhower. Mr. and Mrs. Dufford have seven children, viz.: Elizabeth N., Raymond C., Sarah H., Laura L., Esther A., Ruth P. and Andrew.

WILLIAM C. SWENEY.

Among the substantial and highly respected citizens of Kenvil, New Jersey, none are more deserving of honorable mention in a work of this character than the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch—William C. Sweney. He owns and runs the leading blacksmith and wagon shop in Roxbury township and has a productive and well-improved farm near the village of Kenvil.

Mr. Sweney was born near Deckertown, Sussex county, New Jersey, April 10, 1859, and is of Irish descent. His father, John Sweney, is a native of the Emerald Isle, where he spent the first fourteen years of his life, at that age emigrating to America and locating in Sussex county, New Jersey, where he still resides. Here he married Miss Hannah Little, by whom he has four sons, namely: Edward, William C., John J. and Andrew.

John Norwood

William C. Sweney spent his early boyhood days on his father's farm, receiving a limited education in the common schools, and when nearly fifteen years of age left home and came to Kenvil. From that time forward he has made his own way in the world. Here he served an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith in the shop of J. T. Stidworthy, near the Vortman Hotel, and soon after he had completed his trade he bought out his old instructor, and continued business at the same site until 1891. That year he erected his new and more commodious buildings near his residence, which he has since occupied, doing a successful and constantly increasing business. Mr. Sweney is a skilled mechanic, a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and in this community, where he has resided since his boyhood, has built up an enviable reputation for integrity and fair dealing.

He was married October 3, 1882, to Annie Hill, only child of La Fayette and Mary (Frome) Hill. Mr. Hill was born in New Jersey in 1824 and passed his active life on a farm near Bettsville, Warren county. Mr. and Mrs. Sweney's children, in order of birth, are as follows: Mamie, Harry, Floyd, Grace and Kenneth.

Politically, Mr. Sweney is a Democrat; fraternally, a Mason, having membership in Dover Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M.

JOHN NORWOOD.

One of Morris county's well known farmers and public-spirited citizens is John Norwood, who was born in Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 17th of October, 1827, a son of Joseph F. and Bridget (White) Norwood, natives, respectively, of Essex and Passaic counties. They were also the parents of two other children, Henry, of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, and Lydia Ann, who married Isaac Holt, of Essex county, and died, leaving one child, Nancy, the latter becoming the wife of John P. Van Winkle, also of Essex county.

John Norwood passed his youth in Passaic county, subsequently going to to New York, where he learned the carpenter's trade and followed the same for a period of thirty years, 1844 to 1874, during which time he resided in Boonton, Newark and East Orange, finally locating on his pleasant farm in 1874, and he now owns one of the most ably conducted and highly cultivated sections of land in Morris county.

Mr. Norwood is an active Republican, taking a deep interest in the prosperity of his party, and he served as a member of the county board of freeholders from 1876 to 1878, and in 1885 he was elected to the state legislature, in which he took an energetic part, being chosen a member of several important committees, among which may be mentioned those of education, soldiers' home, state library and girls' reform school. He has also held

various township offices and gives his support to all movements that tend toward the advancement and welfare of the community.

On September 15, 1853, Mr. Norwood was united in marriage to Miss Helen S. Doremus, a daughter of Cornelius B. and Catharine (De Bow) Doremus, of Montville and Pequannock townships, respectively, and the issue of their union comprised four children, namely: Cornelius D. B., who is a printer by trade, residing in Orange, Essex county: he married Miss Abbie Lindsley, of East Orange, by whom he has three children,—Helen M., C. Harland and F. Ogden; Joseph M., deceased, whose sketch appears in this work; and John E. and Jennie Bertha, who reside at home.

In his religious affiliations Mr. Norwood is a member of the Lower Montville Reformed church, in the work of which he has rendered material aid.

Benjamin Norwood, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Essex county, New Jersey, and was a cooper by trade. He married Miss Hannah Fairchilds, of Whippany, Morris county. His father, Andrew, was a native of England, whence he went to Holland and became a Huguenot, subsequently coming to the United States and locating in New York city, where he acquired considerable wealth.

JESSE S. KEYS.

The proprietor of the box manufactory at East Madison, Mr. Jesse S. Keys, is a prominent citizen of that place. He is a native of New York city, born June 16, 1860, a son of Jesse G. and Mary A. (Anderson) Keys, the former of whom is an extensive manufacturer of cooperage stock, his mills being located in Kentucky, while Mr. Keys is in charge of the main office in New York city. He was at one time lieutenant in the famous Eighth Regiment, New York Washington Grays, and did service during the draft riots in 1863.

Mr. Jesse S. Keys was reared and educated in the eastern metropolis and after receiving his mental discipline in the Mount Washington Collegiate Institute, at the age of sixteen years, he entered the employment of William Knisely & Company, wholesale dry-goods merchants at 360 Broadway, New York city, and remained with them for two years. Next, entering the employ of Butler, Pitkin & Company at 356 Broadway, New York, as assistant buyer in the white-goods department, he continued with them four years; for a short time he was next employed by Whitfield, Powers & Company on Canal street near Broadway, as purchasing agent in their white-goods line; but, owing to ill health, he was compelled to make a trip abroad. After an absence of six months he returned with health recovered and established himself, in 1883, in the present business in a manufactory in New York city,

which he successfully conducted there for twelve consecutive years. In January, 1895, he moved the plant to East Madison, Morris county, where he purchased a part of the old Tunis property and erected thereon his present large factory, immediately after which he began the manufacture of boxes, and his products now include every variety used in all branches of trade. The business has rapidly increased within the past three years, and the factory now has a capacity of fifty thousand boxes a day, necessitating the employment of twenty-five workmen, who are experts in their calling, as the work required is very peculiar. Five traveling salesman attend to Mr. Keys' interests throughout the east and west. He is a man of wide business experience, an excellent organizer, and possesses a high degree of executive ability, which qualities of character have been the medium of his success. In the city he is president of Afton Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1.

In 1892 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Smith, a daughter of John D. Smith and a native of New York city.

ELIJAH DUFFORD.

Residing in Middle Valley, Morris county, Mr. Dufford is devoting his attention to farming upon the old homestead where he was born, in Washington township, on the 5th of October, 1828. He bears the name of the family that through many generations has been connected with this section of New Jersey. His great-grandfather was George Stephen Dufford, who lived in the German Valley, by which name not a specific locality but the entire valley was then known. He was a farmer by occupation and was descended from Holland ancestry. His son, Jacob Dufford, the grandfather of our subject, married a Miss Wise, and their son, George Dufford, became the father of him whose name introduces this review. He was born on the Nathan Anthony farm, in German Valley, in 1795, and was a plain, industrious citizen, devoting his energies to the tilling of the soil. He married Elizabeth Neighbor, who died in 1886, at the age of eighty-six years. Their children were: Leonard N., deceased; Stephen, deceased; William G., of Warren county, New Jersey; Lawrence, who has passed away; Elijah; Mary E., wife of Philip L. Welsh; George, who resides in Barton county, Kansas; Catherine, wife of Jesse Smith, of Hackettstown; Henry P., a merchant and miller of Middle Valley; Andrew, a substantial farmer of Middle Valley; and Martha A., wife of John Wert, of Hackettstown.

The birthplace of our subject was near Parker and there he spent his boyhood and youth, receiving a limited educational training in the district schools of the neighborhood. When twenty years of age he began his business career by entering the employ of his brother Stephen, for whom he worked

as a farm hand, receiving for his services one hundred dollars a year and his board. He remained with that brother two years and then came to Middle Valley, where he engaged to work for another brother at one hundred and twenty dollars a year and his board. He also continued with him for two years, and then rented of his father the old homestead, on which he continued as a tenant until 1864, when the farm was left him by bequest. He has made farming his life work, and by his careful management, indefatigable labor and honorable business methods has acquired a fair property.

In his political views Mr. Dufford is a Democrat and has been honored with a number of local offices. He was town committeeman for nine years, town collector for five years and for fifteen years represented Washington township on the Democratic county committee.

The home relations of Mr. Dufford are very pleasant. He was married February 1, 1853, to Miss Susan Swackhamer, a daughter of Philip W. Swackhamer. They had two children, Philip S. and George S. The former married Hattie Suydam and has five children: Edwin, Myrtie, Rena, Elijah and Charles C. George Dufford, the younger son, married Eliza Wise, now deceased, and his children are Delia C. and Eliza W. He consummated a second marriage, being united to Miss Hattie Swackhamer, of Mechanicsville. They reside at Plainville, New Jersey.

JOSEPH M. NORWOOD.

In the death of the honored subject of this memoir there passed away one of the most prominent citizens of Morris county. His influence was widely felt and was most beneficent. Long identified with the educational interests of the state, his labors advanced civilization, his precepts promoted intellectuality and his character taught honor in all things. Pope has written that "the proper study of mankind is man;" and where could be found a more interesting and profitable subject than the life history of one, who at all times had before him high ideals, whose career was actuated by broad humanitarian principles and whose labors did so much to prepare others for the responsible duties that rest upon every individual?

Mr. Norwood was one of New Jersey's native sons, his birth having occurred in the city of Newark, Essex county, on the 25th of November, 1858. He acquired his early education in the schools of Newark and East Orange, and displayed special aptitude in his studies, but when nine years of age he met with a serious accident on the ice and for some time was unable to resume his studies. It was not until sixteen years of age, at which time he accompanied his parents on their removal to Montville township, Morris county, that Mr. Norwood was again enabled to enter school. He then

Jos. N. Norwood

spent two years as a student, and in 1876, in acceptation of a written invitation from Professor E. M. Young, he took an examination at Dover, Morris county, and received from the examining board a certificate, having passed the examination with a scholarship of ninety-nine per cent.

Soon thereafter he began teaching and for twelve years followed that profession, with marked ability and success, in Morris county. His reputation as a most able educator extended beyond the bounds of this locality, and in 1888 he received a call from the board of education of Paterson to become principal of school No. 14, of that city, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum. He accepted the position, and so satisfactory were his services that his salary was increased to fifteen hundred dollars the following year. In 1890 he was promoted by a transfer to school No. 5, of Paterson, where he taught continuously for six years. A man of scholarly attainments, he had the ability to impart clearly and concisely to others the knowledge he had acquired, and at all times he commanded the respect and confidence of his pupils. After eight years' connection with the schools of Paterson, he was forced to resign his position on account of being again troubled by the injuries which he had sustained in his early youth. Returning to the home of his parents, he there passed away, February 7, 1898. In 1877 he united with the Lower Montville Reformed church, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

Mr. Norwood was loved by his pupils and held in uniform regard throughout the entire community. At his death the members of his school unanimously passed a resolution to have a tablet placed in the school as a tribute of respect, and a large delegation of those whom he had instructed in the years of his active educational work attended his funeral and covered the bier with beautiful floral offerings. His high moral character, his lofty principles, his kindly and charitable spirit, his helpfulness and his true manliness all endeared him to the hearts of those with whom he came in contact. His life work was of a very important nature, and his careful direction of the mental powers with which he had to do has led to successes in the business world which would otherwise not have been attained. He passed away, but the memory of his noble life remains as a benediction to all who knew him, and its influence will long be manifest.

THOMAS J. HILLERY.

Superintendent of the Boonton Water Company and one of the bright and enterprising young men of this city is Thomas J. Hillery, who was born in Hibernia, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 18th of November, 1871. His parents, John and Honora (Sweeny) Hillery, are natives of Ireland,

whence they came to America in 1861, locating in Hibernia, where the father engaged in mining. In 1895 they moved with their family to Boonton, where they have since resided. Their children are: James Francis, John, Thomas J., Michael A., Nora, Catherine, Margaret and Annie.

Thomas J. attended the public schools of Hibernia until twelve years old, and then spent two years in the Rockaway public schools, at which he was graduated, and then entered a mercantile establishment at Rockaway, where he remained for four and a half years. During that period he obtained the appointment, as alternate, to West Point, but, the regular candidate being subsequently named, our subject did not enter that institution. In 1890 he came to Boonton and entered the office of Louis Van Duyne, city engineer, where he has since remained. In 1897 he was appointed superintendent of the Boonton Water Company.

In his political faith Mr. Hillery is an active member of the Republican party, and successfully passed the examination for deputy United States insurance collector, but failed of appointment. Among his other interests he is a member of the firm of E. J. Cahill & Company, dealers in shoes. He was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he was the first president; he holds a similar position in the Church Literary Society, and he is a member of the church choir. He is a consistent adherent of the Catholic church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and has written a history of that institution.

JOHN FAGAN.

The leading boot and shoe merchant of Madison and the oldest merchant of the town in continuous business, with one exception, is John Fagan. A native of England, he was born in Manchester, on the 18th of October, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Fagan, whose family numbered three children,—Patrick, Thomas and John.

The last named spent the days of his early youth in the land of his nativity and acquired his literary education in the Catholic schools, after which he determined to seek his fortune in the New World, and sailed for America. Landing at New York in July, 1870, he spent one year in that city and then came to Madison, where he has since made his home. Here he opened a boot and shoe store. Madison was then a small place, but continued to steadily increase in size and importance and Mr. Fagan kept pace with the business progress, until he now has one of the largest and most complete stock of goods in the city and is doing a profitable business. His strict integrity, straightforward dealing and thorough knowledge of his busi-

ness have gained for him the entire confidence of the public and have been the salient features in his success.

In 1873 Mr. Fagan was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Carmady, and to them were born three children, but two died in infancy. The surviving son is Thomas, who was born January 18, 1878. Mr. Fagan is a stanch Democrat in his political views, and always gives his support to the men and measures of that party.

GEORGE T. COBB.

The subject of this sketch was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on the 13th of October, 1813, of Revolutionary stock, his grandfather having been a brave and trusted soldier and officer in the Continental army and having participated in thirteen battles of the American war for independence, including those of Monmouth and Yorktown.

George T. Cobb's parents died when he was very young and he was left to the care of his grandmother and of his aunts, the Misses Watson. While still a lad he became a clerk in the store of Francis Lindsley, at Denville, and remained there in that capacity for about two years. Afterward he was in Parsippany and in the McFarlane Iron Works at Dover. Through the influence of Captain William Scott, of Powerville, Morris county, he went to New York and entered the service of the firm in which Captain Scott was a partner and which was carrying on a large iron business. By his fidelity, sagacity and industry he so recommended himself to this firm that he was offered a partnership in it, which he gladly accepted. This firm was later known as that of D. M. Wilson & Company, and Mr. Cobb remained a partner in the same during the rest of his active business life in New York, which ended in the year 1854. Some time after becoming a member of the firm he went to Europe and traveled in England, Sweden and Norway, observing closely the iron industry of those countries. He was a sagacious, clear-headed, honorable, enterprising merchant and conquered success as well as gained the confidence and esteem of the business community.

In or about the year 1853, having acquired a handsome fortune, he removed to Morristown, where he resided during the remainder of his life. He was so public-spirited, so generous and so wise that he soon became an important factor in the life of the town. It was mainly through his sagacity and great generosity that the town procured the land for its Evergreen cemetery just outside of its borders. In fitness of soil and location and attractiveness of scenery this cemetery is surpassed by few others. Mr. Cobb gave to Morristown the lot on Maple avenue on which the main pub-

lic school stands, and contributed largely to the erection and equipment of the building. He purchased and gave to the Methodist Episcopal church, of Morristown, the lot on the east side of the old "Green," and his gifts toward the building were munificent. The beautiful spire and noble stone walls of the church are a lasting monument to his memory. In everything that tended to improve his native town he was foremost. He took an active part in procuring from the New Jersey legislature the charter of the town, in April, 1865. The first charter election was held on the 8th of May, that year, when Mr. Cobb was elected mayor; and he was twice re-elected, his last term expiring on the 11th of May, 1870. He was a hard worker and was indefatigable in inaugurating and carrying through needed improvements in the town.

During a part of the same time he was a member of the senate of New Jersey, having been elected from Morris county in November, 1866, for a term of three years, and his term commencing in January, 1867. In the autumn of the year 1860 he was nominated for congress, by the Democratic party of his district, and was elected, his term of two years commencing on the 4th of March, 1861, just on the eve of the breaking out of the great war of the Rebellion. Probably this was the most critical period in the history of the United States. The extreme theory of states' rights took practical shape, and its votaries attempted to break up the national union. Certain southern states asserted that they had a right to leave the Union at their pleasure, formally seceded, raised armed forces and organized a new confederacy. War came, for no other result was possible, as the president is obliged by the constitution to suppress all insurrections against the general government. President Lincoln and his advisers recognized the necessity of the hour, met force with force and a large majority of the people of the north sustained them. Patriotism dominated the party, and loyal Democrats like George T. Cobb, John A. Dix and Senator Dickinson rallied to the support of the man whom they and their party had opposed in the election during the previous campaign.

During his term in the house of representatives at Washington Mr. Cobb's course rose to the plane of true statesmanship. Sagacious, energetic, practical and intensely patriotic, he was of great service to the administration in its war measures. President Lincoln more than once acknowledged the value of Mr. Cobb's services and had a high opinion of him. When, in the fall of 1862, the Democratic party in his congressional district tendered to him a renomination, which in his case meant re-election, he promptly refused it, because of the platform which in the nominating convention they had adopted and on which they wished him to stand. He considered the platform disloyal in its utterances and refused to do or say or

countenance anything that would tend to discredit the effort which the government was making to put down the great rebellion. In common with Judge Van Cleve Dalrymple and many other Democrats, he then joined the Republican party. He had the confidence and respect of the whole state and wielded a wide influence for good.

While he was traveling in Virginia with his friend, Mr. J. Boyd Headley, of Morristown, the railroad car in which they were riding, on the 6th of August, 1870, was thrown from the track and both he and his friend were killed. The news of their sudden death was a great shock to the people of Morristown and to the public generally. Mr. Cobb's noble and useful life was thus suddenly terminated, and his remains were buried in Evergreen cemetery, in the establishment of which he had taken so great interest.

Mrs. Mary Anna Cobb, his wife, survived him and resided on the Cobb homestead in Morristown until her death, on the 17th day of September, 1883. His daughter Julia was his only child who survived him. She was married October 5, 1875, to William B. Skidmore, and resided in Morristown up to the time of her death. Inheriting her father's generous and noble qualities, she won and retained the affection and esteem of a large number of friends; and when her death came, suddenly on the 1st day of November, 1897, the whole town mourned her loss.

JAMES BROWN.

The subject of this review holds the responsible position of bookkeeper of the Thistle Mills, in Montville. He was born at Pompton, Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 31st of March, 1853, and came to Boonton with his parents in 1858. He received his elementary education in the public schools of this city, and then learned bookkeeping, subsequently becoming associated with his father in the latter's meat market for several years. He held the position of clerk to the commissioner of pensions in Washington, D. C., for four years; was for eight years with the Hygeia Water Company, of New York; for two years he was employed by S. Mills Ely, of Binghamton, New York; and in February, 1895, he accepted his present position and has since continued to fulfill the duties thereof with a marked degree of ability.

In his political adherence Mr. Brown is a Republican and served as city clerk of Boonton for two years. Socially he is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, his affiliation being with Arcania Lodge, No. 60, York Rite, and in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree, of Prince of Jerusalem, in the consistory. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Mecca Temple, at New York. He

is a member of the Reformed church, in which he was formerly a deacon, while his wife is an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Brown contracted his first marriage when living in Binghamton, New York, in 1882, being then united to Miss Carrie May DePue, of that city. She died in 1884, leaving one child, Bessie. For his second wife he married Miss Mary N. Esten, of Boonton, and of this union three children have been born, namely: George E., Mable N. and Blauvelt E.

ROBERT M. SCHULTZ.

A well known and popular florist of East Madison is Robert M. Schultz, who is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, where he was born June 26, 1873, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Burge) Schultz, who were natives of Germany and among the founders of Jersey City, having settled here in 1858. The father was a manufacturer of gold and silver leaf, being one of the first to engage in that enterprise in the United States, the business at that time having been conducted under the firm name of M. Schultz & Brother. It is still continued and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz became the parents of the following children: Michael, Edward, Caroline, Estelle, John W., Frederick, Robert M., Katie A., Alexander and Walter S. The father was a charter member of the Greenville Reformed church, of Jersey City, in which he was elder for thirty-two years and held the office of treasurer for twenty-two years. He is at present one of the prominent and respected citizens of Jersey City. The grandfather of our subject was an extensive prune-grower in Germany, coming to this country from Germany in 1835. His last days were passed in New York city, where he died in 1854.

Robert M. Schultz, of this mention, attended the public schools of Jersey City and was graduated at the high school in 1890. After leaving school his first experience in business was acquired as a clerk in the employ of D. F. Foley, on Broadway, New York, and subsequently he came to Madison, New Jersey, and served an apprenticeship with L. M. Noe, where he learned the art of rose-growing. In 1893 he took charge of the conservatory on the Myers estate for two years and then, purchasing his present place in East Madison, he erected greenhouses, using in their construction seventeen thousand feet of glass. Here he cultivates roses only, making a specialty of the following varieties: American Beauties, Bride's and Bride's Maid. Mr. Schultz has an especial talent for the successful pursuit of this line of enterprise and the results of his efforts to produce a special kind of this, the queen of flowers, have been most satisfactory and have gained for

him a large and lucrative patronage. He is one of East Madison's enterprising and progressive young men, and he richly merits the high regard in which he is held by his numerous friends.

WILLIAM KIEL.

William Kiel, of Butler, was born in Hamburg, Germany, September 19, 1842, and his father, William Kiel, was a native of the same city, where he was a general tool-maker. At an early age our subject entered upon his business career and secured employment in the rubber factory of H. C. Meyer, of Hamburg, an extensive manufacturer of rubber goods. Later Mr. Kiel entered the service of the New York & Hamburg Rubber Company, of Hamburg, which concern was established by the pioneer rubber man, Conrad Poppenhusen, who was not only a manufacturer of rubber goods, but was also a promoter, and investigated the highest development in the manufacture of rubber goods by employing experts from the leading manufactories of Europe to make original investigations and discoveries. Mr. Kiel's connection with this house gave him access to all the sources of knowledge in this line, and he availed himself of every opportunity of mastering the business in principle and detail.

About 1873 he received an offer from the Franco-American Soft & Hard Rubber Company to become the superintendent of their business in Paris, and after due consideration he decided to go to that city. This decision was reached not alone because the position would yield a better pecuniary return, but because he regarded it as a step in the direction of carrying out a cherished desire of becoming some day a resident of America; and in this he was not mistaken. However, during his connection with the Franco-American Company he succeeded largely in building up their business, and remained with them until he had the opportunity to come to the United States. Though his Paris employers offered him every inducement to remain, he believed he could best provide for a prosperous future in America, and in December, 1876, arrived in Butler, where he soon took charge of the stock department of the Rubber Comb and Jewelry Company. From that time the history of Butler has been a bright and prosperous one. The rubber factory furnishes employment to the majority of the people of the town and success has attended the enterprise. In the early days of Mr. Kiel's connection therewith capital was needed to maintain the operation of the factory while its products were being called to the recognition of the markets of the world, and Richard Butler was induced to become a stockholder in the company and was made its president. He is one of the well known and wealthy

business men of the United States, and has done much for the upbuilding of the town which bears his name.

Mr. Kiel's capable management and thorough understanding of the rubber business was soon manifest in the improved condition of its trade. Until 1888 the factory was operated, as all other factories now are, under patents granted to Charles Goodyear, but since that year the Butler Hard Rubber Company has manufactured solely under its own patents, the result of the invention of Mr. Kiel. The company now controls one of the most extensive plants of the kind in the land, and it is this industry which has really built up the town of Butler. Employment is furnished to hundreds of operatives and the reputation which the house sustains throughout the country is most creditable. In 1896 the company erected a large plant for a German corporation, the Accumulatoren Actien Gesellschaft, in Westphalen, which will manufacture, under license, according to Mr. Kiel's processes.

Mr. Kiel has led a very busy life and has never turned aside from the paths of commerce save when in his youth he served his time in the German army, according to the laws of his country. He entered the Hamburg Dragoons, a regiment of heavy cavalry, with which he was connected between the ages of twenty and twenty-six, taking part in the Austro-Prussian war, and in 1870–71 the Franco-German war.

Mr. Kiel was also married before leaving his native land. On the 28th of October, 1865, in Hamburg, Miss Wilhelmina Mink became his wife, and to them have been born four children: William, who is a draftsman for the Garvin Machine Company, in New York city; Frederick, a die-sinker and engraver in the employ of the Butler Hard Rubber Company; Henry, a machinist with the same company; and Wilhelmina, wife of Paul Witteck, chief engineer of the Butler Hard Rubber Company.

Having located on American soil Mr. Kiel became a true American citizen. Being ever mindful of the necessity of education, he was mainly instrumental in having the county school officials map out a separate school district for Butler, and in having a ten-thousand-dollar school building erected in a prominent locality. He substantially aided the pioneer priests of the Franciscan order to erect a forty-thousand-dollar church, known as the "Shrine of St. Anthony;" and The Tabernacle, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal, was made a possibility largely through his generosity. He was instrumental in the organization of the Butler Silver Cornet Band, and set apart a room in the factory for its rehearsals. His military interest also called into existence a splendid drum corps, which existed some time. Mr. Kiel is a plain, unassuming man, entirely free from ostentation, and one of his most admirable qualities is his approachableness, never denying himself to the poorest, and listening with patience and courtesy to all.

EDWARD T. CONDON.

The subject of this review is proprietor of a large livery barn in Morristown and was born in the county which is still his home, on the 27th of August, 1859. His father, William Condon, who was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1812, emigrated to America in 1845, and took up his residence in Morristown. He married Bridget Slatterly and died in 1871. Of their ten children only two are now living: Delia and Edward T. One of the sons, Maurice E. Condon, became a prominent and influential citizen of Morristown, a leading factor in her mercantile interests. He was born in the county seat in February, 1857, and in his boyhood and youth exhibited those traits of character which so endeared him to the people of his city in later years. At the age of seventeen he entered the employ of W. C. Caskey & Brother, remaining with that firm for eleven years. During that time, by industry and economy, he managed to accumulate a small capital and with this he decided to engage in the shoe business. He went to Powell Brothers & Company, of New York, stated to their Morristown salesman the object of his call, his business experience and the amount of his resources. The salesman replied that the house preferred cash customers; also that he had three customers in Morristown already, and it would not be honorable to place a new competitor in the field without their sanction, but that he would consult their wishes in regard to the matter and if no objection was made he would be glad to sell to Mr. Condon. Thus the matter was allowed to stand, pending such an investigation. The old shoe dealers, instead of raising an objection to the new competitor, welcomed him to their midst and encouraged him in his new departure. The stock was sold to him the next week, three times the quantity he was able to pay for, and he opened his store on the park, at the corner of Bank street. From that time until his death he did a prosperous business.

Maurice E. Condon was a social, temperate and honorable gentleman, and by his sterling worth commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was one of the charter members of the St. Mary's Young Men's Catholic Association, and was its treasurer for ten years, handling, during that time, thousands of dollars without bond, and every penny was accounted for. At one time he served as a member of the common council of Morristown. He enjoyed in a singular degree the confidence and respect of all classes of citizens, and his death, which occurred September 25, 1896, was mourned as a public loss. He never married, but made his home with his mother and sister, and at his death he left to them a comfortable property.

Edward T. Condon was reared in the city which is still his home and obtained his education in the parochial schools. His first business venture

on his account was in the line of his present interests. At the age of nineteen he began driving a hack, owning then but one horse. He made money in this venture, and after accumulating some capital he extended the field of his operations by purchasing a small livery stock and opening a stable in Morristown. Fortune continued kind to him and his financial resources constantly increased, so that at length he was enabled to purchase a barn on Maple avenue, in 1884. This had a capacity for only twelve horses, but his business has steadily grown, and from time to time he has enlarged his facilities, until he now has a very commodious barn, splendidly equipped with a large number of horses and stylish turnouts.

Mr. Condon was married on the 3d of October, 1883, the lady of his choice being Miss Joanna LaVelle, daughter of John LaVelle, and to them have been born four children: William, Edward, Francis and Mary. Mr. Condon is a member of the Young Men's Catholic Association, the Holy Name Society, and the Rosary Society of the Church of the Assumption, at Morristown. He is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion, of Morristown, and is a charter member of the council at Morristown of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. It is no insignificant achievement to rise from a humble position and without the aid of wealth or influence, depending solely upon one's inherent business qualities gain a position of affluence, but this Mr. Condon has done, and in the accomplishment of his purpose deserves the highest praise and the unreserved confidence of the public.

PHILIP H. HOFFMAN.

Philip H. Hoffman was born at Schooley's Mountain, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 28th of July, 1827. His father was Captain Henry I. Hoffman, and his grandfather was John Hoffman, of Cokesbury, Hunterdon county. He was one of the "minute men" of the Revolution and served throughout the entire war. The Hoffmans were early settlers of New Jersey, having emigrated from Germany about the year 1660. The ancestor of our subject located in New Sweden, in the southern part of the state, between the years 1663 and 1670. On the maternal side our subject is descended from Casparus Steinmets, who left his native Holland and located in New Amsterdam, now New York, about the year 1640. In later years he removed to Bergen, New Jersey, to take charge of the farm belonging to the East India Company, of Holland. He was very prominent in the community, served as judge of the court, and captain of a military company, and later was elected to the upper house of the first state legislature that met in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, under Governor Carteret. During the period of the Revolutionary war his descendants were residents of New York city, and

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during the British occupancy, they were driven frem the metropolis, their houses were burned, their property destroyed, and they were forced to seek refuge among friends in New Jersey, where some of them eventually made permanent location, their descendants being still found in the localities where they settled.

Mr. Hoffman's father was the owner of a large farm on Schooley's mountain, and there in his boyhood and early manhood he assisted in the labors of field and meadow or spent his time in acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen he left home and went to Morristown to learn the trade of tailor and clothier. On the expiration of his term of apprenticeship, he began business on his own account, in connection with S. B. Ryerson, under the firm name of Hoffman & Ryerson, opening the store on the 1st of October, 1849. They sold out, however, the following year and Mr. Hoffman removed to Dover, New Jersey, where he conducted a tailoring establishment for some time.

In March, 1851, he was married to Miss Barbara A., daughter of Manuel N. Byram, Esq., whose ancestors were among the early Pilgrim settlers of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. In March, 1856, Mr. Hoffman removed with his family to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and engaged in business there for a time, but on account of continued ill health, occasioned by the change in climate, he was obliged to return to the east, and again began business in Morristown, in the fall of 1857. In the summer of 1863, in connection with Abraham L. Cross, he purchased the Duncan House property facing on the park, better known as the "Old Arnold Tavern," General Washington's headquarters during his stay in Morristown in the winter of 1777: this they entirely remodeled in the spring of 1864, making two handsome stores in the lower story. The upper stories were used as a boarding-house, for some years known as the Losey House. A partnership was formed by Mr. Cross and Mr. Hoffman, under the firm name of Cross & Hoffman, and they conducted a dry-goods and clothing business, which proved to be very profitable. After a few years this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Cross selling his interest and removing from Morristown. Mr. Hoffman then carried on the store alone, and is still interested in the enterprise, under the firm name of P. H. Hoffman & Son, the junior partner being Henry Byram Hoffman, his only surviving son.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had three sons. The eldest, Orlando Kirtland, died in infancy. The second is Henry Byram, and the youngest was Joseph Reed, who on arriving at years of maturity studied medicine and was graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical College. He located in Morristown, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. He died, after a very brief illness, on the 11th of December, 1893, highly esteemed by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

Mr. Hoffman, of this review, united with the South Street Presbyterian church, in June, 1848, and during the greater part of the time since has served as teacher, superintendent of the Sunday-school, trustee of the church, and ruling elder. In the latter capacity he has represented the church in the presbytery, state synod and general assembly of the United States. He is a member of the New Jersey Historical Society, a member and officer of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and has served for several years as a member of the board of education of Morristown. He has also been a member of the board of aldermen, and is a member of the board of managers of the Morris County Savings Bank. In the spring of 1886, in connection with the late Hampton O. Marsh, who at that time was joint owner of the Arnold Tavern property, he decided to remove the old building, and erected in its stead the present substantial and beautiful structure known as the Hoffman Building, of which he is now the sole owner. Although it is now fifty years since Mr. Hoffman commenced business, he still takes an active part in the management of his store, and in the public affairs of his town.

JUDGE CHARLES HARDIN.

One of the leading and prosperous agriculturists of Morris county, Judge Hardin, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 21st of June, 1835. His father, John Hardin, was born in the same locality and died there in 1869, at the age of sixty-four years. He married Miss Mary Bale, a daughter of James Bale, who was a representative of one of the old families of Sussex county, and her death occurred in 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardin, namely: William, of Newton, New Jersey; Alfred, deceased; George, of Sussex county; Charles, our subject; Elizabeth A., who became the wife of Alvin Hibler, of Vienna, Sussex county; Daniel B., deceased; Sylvester J., deceased; and Emily C.

The preliminary education of Judge Hardin was obtained in the district schools of his day, supplemented by a course of study in the Chester Institute, he having come to Chester township in 1854. After completing his studies he began his business career as a clerk in the store of Daniel Budd. Subsequently, in 1860, he purchased the interest of his employer, and with his brother, Alfred Hardin, as a partner, he continued in the mercantile business until 1868. In that year he bought his present farm, two miles south of Chester, and has since, with the exception of the time he has spent in office, devoted himself to the pursuit of agriculture.

As a member of the Democrat party Judge Hardin has been identified with the politics of Morris county since attaining his majority, and for years

was one of the most effective workers in west Morris county. He was first elected to the office of assessor of his town; he was then made a member of the board of freeholders, at different times, holding that office for a term of six years, and in 1888 he was appointed one of the lay judges of the common-pleas court, by Governor Green. At the expiration of his five-years term he was re-appointed by Governor Werts, but an amendment to the state laws, abolishing the lay judgeship, deprived him of his office, and in the spring of 1896 he retired to his farm, where he continues to follow a quiet, contented life, held in the highest esteem by his many friends.

Judge Hardin solemnized his marriage in 1860, when he was united to Miss Abbie M. Hunt, a daughter of Ralph Hunt, and of this union two sons have been born, namely: John R., who is a leading lawyer of Newark; and William B., who is associated with Brooks Brothers, of New York city. In his social relations, the Judge is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the degree of a Master Mason. He is past master of Prospect Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M.

CHARLES J. MILLER.

A well known contractor of Chatham is Mr. Charles J. Miller, who was born in Myersville, New Jersey, on the 27th of January, 1859, a descendant of German ancestors. His grandfather, a native of Germany, emigrated to this country and became the founder of the family in the New World. The father of our subject, Charles Miller, also a native of Myersville, born March 12, 1830, married Elizabeth Gibe, also a native of the place, born April 11, 1833; and they had eight children, namely: Elizabeth, born July 31, 1853; Charlotte, October 26, 1854; Jacob, September 23, 1856; Charles J., our subject; Philip, born June 30, 1861, died October 31, 1890; Ketie, born February 2, 1864; Magdalena, born May 10, 1866, was married May 29, 1889, and died December 31 of the same year; and Mary S., born March 17, 1868.

Mr. Miller, of this review, has resided at several places in Morris county, and since 1889 has been a resident of Chatham. In this city and vicinity he is doing a good business, receiving from the public a liberal patronage. His home is one of the comfortable and tasteful residences of this place. He is regarded as one of the public-spirited citizens of the community, taking a deep interest in all that pertains to the general welfare and advancement of the town and county. His political support is given unswervingly to the Democratic party, and on that ticket he has been elected to a number of public offices. He was a member of the first common council of Chatham, wherein, as in other offices, he labored zealously for those interests which pertain to the public good.

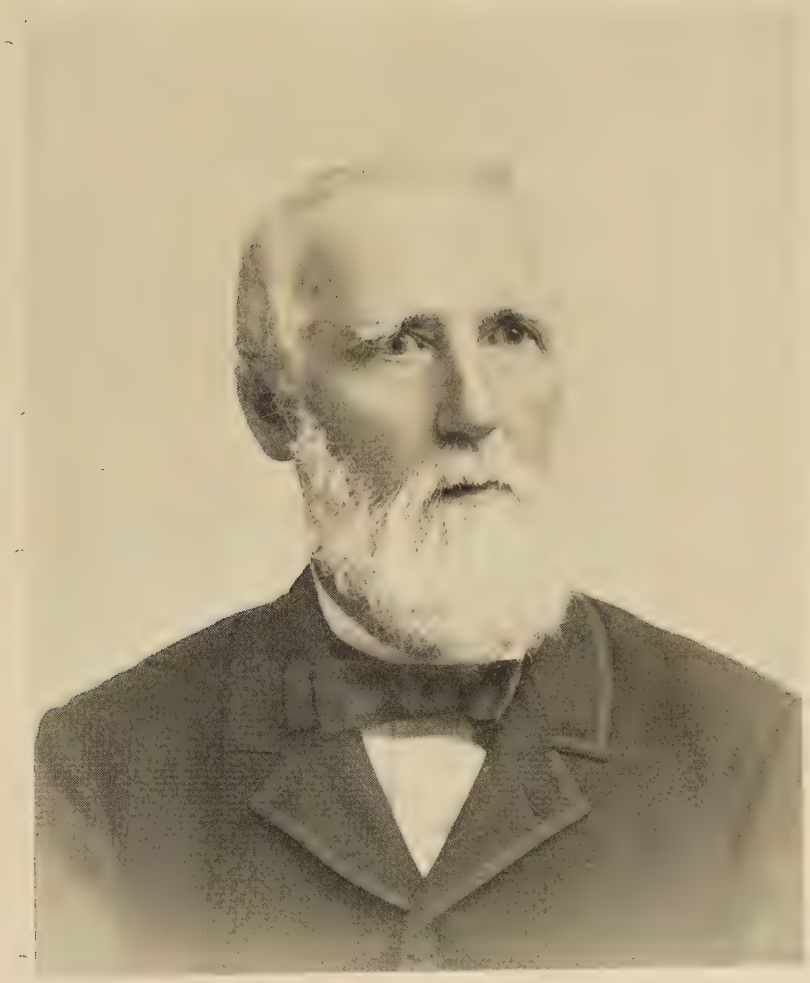
In 1884 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Parcells, a daughter of Ellis H. and Margina (Birmingham) Parcells. Her father was born September 29, 1840, and was a son of James M. and Muna (Pollard) Parcells. His grandfather, William Parcells, was one of the heroes who fought for the independence of the "great American nation." He was a farmer and miller by occupation, and resided in Green Village until his death. Mrs. Parcells, the mother of Mrs. Miller, was a daughter of Peter and Amelia (Lacy) Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Parcells had seven children: Frank, born January 2, 1862; M. Amelia, May 7, 1864; Fred A., December 30, 1866; John A., October 9, 1869; Marietta, July 13, 1872; James Harvey, May 2, 1876; and Ella Estella, May 8, 1879.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of one child, C. Norman Miller, whose birth occurred on the 10th of February, 1898.

JAMES HOLMES.

When James Holmes passed away, on the 26th of February, 1893, Boonton lost one of its most prominent and honored citizens,—a man whose name is inseparably connected with its history through the past quarter of a century, and whose efforts contributed materially to the improvement and progress of the town. He rose from a humble to a prominent position in the world of trade, and was a representative of our best type of American progress, advancement and citizenship. He was descended from the early Puritans who landed on the coast of New England, and possessed many of those sterling qualities which led to the founding of the Massachusetts colony by the little band of brave men and women who encountered the dangers and trials of life in the New World in order to secure freedom of conscience.

Mr. Holmes was born at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on the 7th of March, 1815, and is a direct descendant of the renowned Captain Holmes, who participated in the battle of Dutch Point. The father of our subject was a sea captain and the owner of a vessel which he used in trading with the countries of South America. While on one of these voyages in the southern waters, he was stricken with the yellow fever, and died in a foreign port. His widow afterward married again, and her son James, who was then but eight years of age, was put out to work in the Parker Nail Mills, at Wareham, Massachusetts. His plucky and determined spirit were soon manifest in the way in which he entered upon his work, mastered his duties and familiarized himself with every detail of the business. His fidelity and ability won him promotion from time to time, until, before he had attained his majority, he was made superintendent of the establishment. He had become an expert



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workman and was well qualified by practical experience, together with innate executive power, for the responsibilities which were thus placed upon him.

In 1836 Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Margaret H. Nye, and to them was born a son, James Franklin, who entered the United States Navy and served as an ensign in the war of the Rebellion. His death occurred soon after the close of hostilities. The mother died in 1838, and Mr. Holmes afterward married Sarah E. W. Nelson, of Middleboro, Massachusetts. The son of this marriage, Samuel Nelson, was graduated at West Point, in 1873, and lost his life in a fire in 1884.

The subject of this sketch continued his connection with the Parker Nail Mills until 1845, when he removed to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he began the manufacture of nails on his own account. He soon won an enviable reputation for efficiency in this line, and enjoyed a good business until 1850, when he came to Boonton to assume the management of the nail factory of Fuller & Lord, a position which he occupied for a number of years. He also became identified with various other interests in Boonton. He was instrumental in organizing the Boonton National Bank and was the first president. Also for several years he was a member of the state board of education. From the time of his arrival here until his death he was one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of the place, and Boonton owes to him a debt of gratitude for his efforts in her behalf. He supported every measure and movement which he believed would prove of public benefit, and in his will provided for the establishment of a free public library and reading-room. This is now one of the creditable institutions of the town in which the citizens take just pride, and it has been an important factor in elevating the intellectual tone of Boonton. The poor and needy found in him a generous friend, the distressed a ready sympathizer. Although he started out in life empty-handed when only eight years of age, he constantly worked his way upward until he was the possessor of a fine property, but so well was his wealth acquired and so worthily and unselfishly was it used that the most envious could not grudge him his success. His life was actuated by broad humanitarian principles, and his example is one well worthy of emulation and should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others.

MARSHALL A. SAYRE.

A resident of Chester, and a conspicuous figure in the industrial affairs of Morris county, it might be said with propriety that Mr. Sayre is also identified with the commercial interests of the county as well, for in his capacity of train conductor he has for thirty-five years been engaged in inland commerce. He has been closely associated with the agricultural and fruit-

farming interests of Morris county, having owned and operated a farm near Chester for many years.

Mr. Sayre was born in Morristown on the 17th of June, 1832, and is a son of William and Hannah (Guerin) Sayre, the former of whom was a carriage-maker and farmer, and the latter a daughter of Aram Guerin. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre the following four survive: Aram G., of Newark; William Y., of Bernardsville; Theodore, now residing on the old homestead; and our subject. The paternal grandfather was William Sayre, the scene of whose active industry was located at Bottle Hill, now Madison, New Jersey.

Conductor Marshall A. Sayre received in Morristown a limited schooling, and later learned the carpenter's trade under the instruction of Robert S. Roff, and followed the same for some years. In 1856 he began his railroad career as a clerk in the Morristown office of the Morris & Essex Railroad; later he went into the Newark office and was assigned to duty in the freight and ticket office, besides which he ran a train, continuing thus engaged for a period of eleven years. He was transferred to the Chester branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road thirty years ago, and has made his runs from this point ever since. His long experience in the service, his comprehensive knowledge of all the details pertaining to his department, and the fidelity he has shown in the discharge of his duties, have gained for him the entire confidence and high regard of the road's executives.

Mr. Sayre has been twice wedded, his first union being to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Roff, a daughter of Charles Roff. His second marriage was solemnized in 1872, when he became united to Mrs. Nancy P. Cyphers, a daughter of the late Elisha Robeson, of Chester, and three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, namely: Lillian, Jennie, and Emily, who died at the age of two years and six months.

Mr. Sayre is a member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Prospect Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M.

EDWARD SUTTON, M. D.

Maintaining his residence at German Valley, Dr. Sutton holds a commanding position among the young professional men of Morris county and is destined to become a leader in advanced thought and practice in the field of medicine and surgery in central New Jersey. His abilities, both natural and acquired, well fit him for his professional duties, and in the line of surgery his success has been particularly brilliant.

The Doctor is a son of Aaron S. Sutton, of Parker, and was born at that place January 7, 1866. He remained with his father on the farm until

sixteen years of age and then went to Newark, where he pursued a course of study in the New Jersey Business College. Desiring to enter one of the higher walks of life, and endowed by nature with an intellectual strength well fitting him to pursue this purpose, he began reading medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. Joseph C. Young, of Newark, with whom he remained three years. In 1885 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons and on the completion of a thorough three-years course was graduated in that institution. He added to his regular work a microscopical course, and with a broad knowledge of the principles and science of medicine he entered upon his chosen life work as physician and surgeon in St. Michael's Hospital, of Newark, to which position he was appointed soon after his graduation. He there remained for three years and was also connected with the City Dispensary for diseases of women, in the same city, during that period. He opened an office in German Valley in 1891, and has here built up a very desirable practice. As a surgeon he has gained a reputation second to none in this part of the state, and his success is due to his wonderfully minute and accurate acquaintance with anatomy, combined with exquisite power of diagnosis, a cool head, steady muscles and great mechanical genius. He has performed some most remarkable cures, one of which, in the case of Mrs. Emmons, of German Valley, has attracted widespread attention among the members of the profession.

Dr. Sutton was married February 26, 1895, to Miss Mary H. Hyde, a daughter of Nelson Hyde, of German Valley, and they now occupy a handsome modern residence which has recently been erected after his own design. In social circles they occupy an enviable position. In his political views the Doctor is a Democrat, and fraternally is a valued member of the order of Red Men, in which he is past sachem, and of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor.

JOSHUA S. SALMON.

Joshua S. Salmon, member of congress from the fourth congressional district of New Jersey, and a distinguished lawyer of Boonton, was born near Mount Olive, Morris county, on the 2d of February, 1846, and is a son of Gideon and Jane (Van Fleet) Salmon. The family is of Scotch origin and a representative of the name was knighted by Sir Robert Bruce in the fourteenth century. While the Highland wars were in progress the Salmon family removed from Scotland and located in Suffolk county, England, whence three brothers of the name came with their families to America about the year 1640. One brother located in Massachusetts, another in New Jersey, on or near the site of the present city of Elizabeth, and the third (William)

took up his residence on Long Island, establishing the town of Southold. William Salmon, a grandson of the original settler at Southold, came to Schooley's Mountain, in Morris county, early in the eighteenth century, and became the owner of large tracts of land there. From him the numerous Salmons in that county, including our subject, are descended.

In the seminaries of Charlotteville, New York, and Schooley's Mountain, New Jersey, Joshua S. Salmon acquired his literary education, and then determining to make the practice of law his life work began preparation for the profession as a student in the office of Charles E. Scofield, of Jersey City, now deceased. Later he matriculated in the Albany Law School, where he was graduated in 1873 with the degree of LL. B. In March, of the same year, he was admitted as an attorney and counselor to the bar of New York, and at the November term of the supreme court of New Jersey, in 1875, he was admitted as an attorney to the bar of this state. Immediately thereafter he began practice in Boonton, where he has since maintained an office. He afterward became a counselor at law, and on December 21, 1894, was admitted as an attorney and counselor of the supreme court of the United States. His professional career has been one of eminent success and covers a wide experience in both civil and criminal law practice. In March, 1893, he was appointed, by Governor Werts, prosecutor of the pleas for Morris county, and during his incumbency in that office conducted several homicide cases, exciting considerable interest. The case of the State *versus* Bergeman was carried to the United States supreme court and there decided against the prisoner, who was afterward executed, on June 20, 1895. Another case was that of the State *versus* Wilson, which was carried to the court of errors and appeals of New Jersey, where the decision of conviction was sustained and Wilson was executed June 3, 1897. Mr. Salmon has been connected as counsel with numerous very important cases, notably that of Miller *et al. versus* Speer *et al.*, in 1883, in which the sixth section of the statute of descents received construction by the court of errors and appeals, whereby a large estate was secured for his clients, its possession having been taken by his opponents, who were believed by eminent counsel to be secure in their right to the property. From the beginning of his career as a legal practitioner his efforts have been attended with success. He has mastered the science of jurisprudence, and his deep research and thorough preparation of every case committed to his care enable him to meet at once any contingency that may arise. His cause is fenced about with unanswerable logic, and his arguments are strong, clear, decided and follow each other in natural sequence, forming a chain of reasoning that his opponents find very difficult to overthrow. His delivery is graceful, his voice clear and ringing and his eloquence is inspired by a sense of true justice of human rights and liberties.

On the 1st of April, 1897, he opened an office in Morristown, and divides his time between that and his Boonton office, having a son in each office reading law and assisting in legal work.

As a citizen Mr. Salmon has always been active and influential in the welfare and advancement of the place of his residence, substantially supporting its leading institutions and liberally encouraging its worthy enterprises. He has been one of the directors of the Boonton National Bank since its organization in 1890. His activity in political affairs has continued since his admission to the bar and he is a recognized leader in the Democratic party in Morris county. In 1876 he was elected a member of the city council of Boonton and held that office for six years. In 1877 he was elected a member of the state legislature and served on a number of important committees, and was also a recognized leader on the floor of the house. He was counsel for the board of chosen freeholders of Morris county from 1880 until 1893, has been counsel for the town of Boonton and for various townships in Morris county, holding such an incumbency during the greater part of the time since his admission to the bar. He was the Democratic candidate for county clerk in 1878 and the nominee of his party for state senator in 1883. On the 6th of October, 1898, he received the nomination for representative of the fourth congressional district of New Jersey, and at the election, held on the 8th of November, received a very substantial majority.

On the 13th of October, 1869, Mr. Salmon was united in marriage, in Mendham, New Jersey, to Miss Deborah Virginia Emmons, one of the five children of Jeremiah and Esther (Stout) Emmons, both of whom had died before Mrs. Salmon was nine years of age. Her death occurred March 12, 1892, and on the 19th of April, 1893, Mr. Salmon wedded Mrs. Emma L. (Mains) Richards, widow of Jesse W. Richards, of Lincoln Park, New Jersey. His entire life has been passed in Morris county, where, by reason of his marked ability and genuine worth, he has won distinguished honors at the bar and in political life, while in society he is highly esteemed for those commendable qualities which everywhere command respect and win friendship.

FINLAY MACKENZIE.

The subject of this sketch is the leading painter and decorator of Mendham. He is one of the native sons of Scotland, his birth having occurred in Ross-shire, on the 4th of May, 1866. His parents were Roderick and Kennethina (Mackenzie) Mackenzie, who reared a family of several children, but only two have crossed the Atlantic to America, Kenneth Mackenzie,

now having charge of our subject's store and work in Bernardsville, New Jersey.

Reared and educated in the land of his birth, Finlay Mackenzie, when twenty years of age determined to seek a home and fortune in America. Bidding adieu to family and friends he sailed for the New World in 1887 and, having learned the painter's trade in his native land, he worked for a short time as a journeyman in New York. Later he spent three years in Tuxedo Park, was in Cornwall for a short time and also did some work in Morristown. In 1893 he came to Mendham, where he soon established a reputation that has placed him in the lead among the painters and decorators in this part of the county. It is the painter's art that gives the pleasing effect to the labors of the builder and produces the air of thrift and neatness which is ever present in progressive localities. To his skill are attributable many of the most artistic effects in a landscape, for the adaptation of color to those supplied by nature may produce most harmonious or inharmonious effects, according as the painter understands his business. Mr. Mackenzie has done some of the most important work in his line in this locality. He painted the McClintock and Chapin mansions and also did the work upon the residences of Colonel Stephens and Judge Dillon. His business has constantly increased in volume and importance and he now furnishes employment to a force of about twelve men throughout the greater part of the year.

Mr. Mackenzie was married in Middletown, New York, on the 9th of October, 1890, to Miss Annie Robertson, and to them have been born three children, Ina, Kenneth and Margarie. Mr. Mackenzie has won a well merited success in business. His hopes of securing a comfortable competence in America have been realized and he is steadily working his way upward to a position of affluence.

EDWARD J. CAHILL.

Engaged in the real-estate and shoe business in his native place, the subject of this sketch is one of the representative men of Boonton, Morris county, New Jersey, where he was born on the 28th of October, 1862, his parents being Michael and Alice (Cunningham) Cahill, who were born in Ireland, being natives respectively of the counties of Tipperary and Roscommon. The father came to the United States in 1859 and located at Boonton, where he was employed in the Boonton rolling mills until they closed down, in 1876.

The subject of this review was the eldest of seven children and acquired his literary education in the public schools of his native city, after which he learned the cooper's trade and followed the same up to 1895, when he engaged in the real-estate business, in which he has met with a high degree of

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success. For ten years he was a resident of Morristown, and while there he organized the Daily School Messenger and Sentinel and was also president of the Watnong Land Company. In 1897 he engaged in the shoe business in company with Thomas J. Hillery.

Politically Mr. Cahill has been a Democrat, but in 1896 he cast his vote for William McKinley, and he has served as a justice of the peace and a notary public and is a member of the Republican Club. He is also a member of the Boonton board of trade.

In 1893 Mr. Cahill was united in marriage to Miss Helen Purdy, a daughter of Henry and Ellen (Black) Purdy, of Boonton. She is an adherent of the Presbyterian church, while he is a communicant of the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Roman Catholic. While in Morristown he was historian of the Young Men's Catholic Association and was elected an honorary life member of the same.

WILLIAM DeMOTT.

Among the leading industrial interests of Morris county is the saw and planing mill and factory owned and operated by William DeMott, a wide-awake, enterprising business man whose energy has enabled him to triumph over the many obstacles that lay in the path between poverty and fortune. He makes his home in Green village, where he is conducting an extensive lumber business, and his enterprise is one which advances not alone his individual success but also promotes the prosperity of the community by the impetus which it gives to commercial activity.

Mr. DeMott was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, on the 21st of November, 1857, and has spent his entire life in this state. His mother, *née* Hannah Dunham, was a daughter of the late Benyew Dunham, who spent the last twenty years of his life at Basking Ridge. His example as a Christian had much to do with Mr. DeMott's success in business as well as the enjoyment of home. Mr. DeMott was reared to manhood at his grandfather's home in Somerset county, residing at Basking Ridge and Liberty Corner, and later at Mendham, Morris county. In 1881, at the age of twenty-four, he came to Green Village, where he has since engaged in the lumber business. In the meantime, however, he had to put forth every effort to get a good start in the business world and has justly won the proud American title of "a self-made man." In his early manhood he engaged in burning and selling charcoal, and for many years "roughed it" in a charcoal camp, sleeping by his fires in the woods or upon a coal wagon, and working early and late in order to obtain capital enough to engage in some other labor. After a time he was enabled to lease a portable sawmill, and from the beginning of his

career as a lumber dealer he has met with success. In the course of time, as the result of his industry and economy, he was enabled to purchase a saw-mill, and has since cut lumber in five different counties. Since coming to Green Village, he has extended his field of operations from time to time, and now has one of the largest lumber industries in the county. He has a splendidly equipped mill and factory, and annually saws a large amount of lumber, also manufactures wagon materials and tool handles on an extensive scale, and has from time to time furnished a large amount of timber for rail-road purposes. In addition to his mill in Green Village he owns portable mills, which he operates in different parts of the country where good timber can be found. He thoroughly understands the lumber business in every department and detail, and his practical methods have led to very gratifying financial results.

In 1881 Mr. DeMott was united in marriage with Miss Harriet D. Ward, a native of Mendham, New Jersey. The children of Mr. and Mrs. DeMott are Marietta, William F., Harrison B., Rebecca Ward and Hazel.

In politics Mr. DeMott is a Republican. While serving as school trustee he has done effective work in the interests of education. He is also a trustee of the Methodist church, of which he is a member and in whose work he takes a very active part. His life has been an honorable and upright one; and in his business career, as in his private life, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he is associated. From limited circumstances in his youth and early manhood he has steadily advanced to a position of affluence; and now, in the control of a large business, he has found the just reward of well directed efforts.

C. HARRISON WARD.

For many years C. Harrison Ward, now deceased, was a highly respected citizen of Morris county, his home being in Mendham. He was a native of Bloomfield, Essex county, New Jersey, and more than half a century ago came to this county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a farmer by occupation and in the development and cultivation of his land displayed a very practical and progressive spirit, great energy and careful management. He was also active in public affairs and was numbered among the leading and influential workers of the Republican party in his community, but never sought or desired political honors for himself.

Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Thompson, who was born in Mendham, Morris county, and was a daughter of Luther Thompson. They became the parents of the following named: Amanda, Luther, Anna, William, Malinda, Albert, Lottie, Harriet D. and Clara. The son, Luther,

joined the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil war and served until the close of the hostilities, but soon after his return to the north he was drowned while swimming. Another son, William, now resides in Brookside, and the other members of the family yet living are Mrs. Elliott, of Mendham; Mrs. DeMott, of Green Village; Mrs. Taggart, of South Orange; Mrs. Madison, of Montclair; Mrs. Elliott, of Mount Horeb, Somerset county; Mrs. Woodhouse and Albert, who are residents of Colorado. The members of the family attended the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the father was trustee for many years. May 25, 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Ward celebrated their golden wedding, and for nearly sixty years they traveled life's journey together as man and wife, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity, which checkers in greater or less degree the career of every individual on life's pathway. Mr. Ward died November 3, 1896, the day on which Mr. McKinley was elected president of the United States and during his delirious moments on that day he was either asking to be taken to the polls to vote or praying that his party may be victorious. His wife passed away January 21, 1898.

THEODORE A. WILSON.

Numbered among the successful contractors and builders of Morristown, Mr. Wilson was born in this city, July 29, 1855, and is a son of James H. Wilson, a carpenter, who spent his life in Morristown and was for many years employed in the pattern shop of the Speedwell Iron Works. His death occurred June 10, 1880, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was born in Mendham, Morris county, and was married there to Minerva Phœnix, daughter of William Phœnix. Her death occurred in 1857 and Mr. Wilson was again married, has second union being with Miss Jane Pierson, daughter of Lewis Pierson. Our subject had two sisters: Mary E., deceased wife of Findlay Barber; and Sarah A., wife of James A. Vanderhoof, of Newark.

Mr. Wilson, of this review, is indebted to the public-school system of his native city for the educational privileges which he received. During vacations and other periods of leisure he engaged in farm work, and at the age of seventeen years he began learning the carpenter's trade with the old and prominent building firm of Greenwood & Hays. When he had mastered the business he secured work as a journeyman and was thus employed until 1882, when he began contracting and building on his own account, his first contract being for the erection of a residence for Richard Bowen on Phœnix avenue. Since that time he has put up many of the principal buildings of the city, including the residences of H. E. Niese, J. H. Hendershot, Anson Durling, Cornelius Hoffman, John K. Boniface, Robert J. Price, John Mc-

Grath, John Van Doren, S. W. Hastings, Charles Bockoven, J. H. Berry, George W. King, Lewis Vismara, Mary J. Foley, E. A. Fleury and James Riley. Many other good buildings in Morristown bear the imprint of his workmanship and stand as monuments to his skill, thrift and enterprise. He has long since taken a leading position among the prominent contractors of the city, and an enviable success is crowning his efforts.

On the 22d of March, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wilson and Miss Laura A. Bailey, a daughter of Charles Bailey, of near Basking Ridge. She died June 30, 1887, leaving two children: Bessie and James H. Mr. Wilson was again married February 7, 1888, his second wife being Emma E. Havens, widow of Richard Havens and daughter of Levi Drake, of Schooley's Mountain. Our subject belongs to Rocksiticus Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Enterprise Encampment of the same order, also to Speedwell Council of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He holds membership in the South Street Presbyterian church, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the best advancement of the community along educational, moral and material lines. Politically he allies himself with the Republican party.

CHARLES VAN DUYNE.

One of the substantial and enterprising farmers of Morris county, Charles Van Duyne was born in Preakness, Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 28th of April, 1840, a son of John W. and Margaret (Kayhort) Van Duyne. The father was born in Pequannock township, Morris county, in 1806, and there followed farming, in connection with which he conducted a blacksmith shop. In 1831 he married Miss Kayhort, a daughter of Frederick Kayhort, and then moved to Montville and there remained until his death, which occurred in 1870. Mrs. Van Duyne still survives. They reared nine children to maturity, of whom the following record is given: Malinda, who married Joseph Davis, of Montville township; Elizabeth, deceased, became the wife of Abraham M. Wagner, of Paterson; George, deceased; Charles, our subject; Mary, deceased, married John Decker; Sarah is now Mrs. Riley, of Paterson; Catherine is the wife of James Starr, of Newark; Effie married William Birchnough, of Preakness; and John W., who resides in Montville.

William Van Duyne, the grandfather of Charles, was a prominent farmer of Montville township. He married Miss Elizabeth Doremus and their children were: John W., Mary, Effie, Abraham, George and William.

Charles Van Duyne passed his early youth on the farm and in attending the district schools, where he obtained a fair education. Later he worked in the Boonton rolling mills for sixteen years and then returned to farming, in which he has since been engaged with pronounced success.

Elias R. Watt.

In 1846 Mr. Van Duyne celebrated his marriage, being in that year united to Miss Harriet Taylor, a daughter of George and Anna (Gould) Taylor, of Taylortown. Both the parents of Mrs. Van Duyne have passed away; the mother, Anna (Gould) Taylor, died in 1882.

In his political views Mr. Van Duyne is a stanch Republican.

ELIAS B. MOTT.

This gentleman, who is now serving as county clerk of Morris county, is one of the popular and influential citizens of his section of the state. He resides in Rockaway, where he is prominently identified with the mercantile interests, and in his connection with public affairs he has manifested a straightforward, manly course that is in keeping with his loyal, progressive, American spirit.

Born in Mott's Hollow (now known as Mill Brook), near Dover, on the 12th of March, 1843, our subject is the son of Samuel and Phœbe A. (Nicholas) Mott, who were married June 27, 1837, the former born in Mott's Hollow (now Mill Brook) in 1808, and the latter in the village of Ironia, Randolph township, Morris county, a daughter of Lewis and Sarah A. (Briant) Nicholas, both natives of New Jersey. Elias B. Mott spent his early boyhood in the town of his birth and then accompanied his parents to Newark, where he attended school. His educational training there was supplemented by a course in a private school and he diligently pursued his studies until his twentieth year, when he began teaching, in Essex county, following that vocation for three years. Then he accepted a position as clerk for R. D. Chase, a merchant in Dover, with whom he remained two years, when he entered the employ of B. K. Stickle, of Rockaway, with whom he continued three years as bookkeeper and clerk. On the expiration of that period Mr. Mott resumed teaching, which he followed until 1888. In 1882 he was appointed a member of the school board of examiners of Morris county and served in that capacity until 1887. In 1878 he was elected assessor of Rockaway township and held that position for seven years. In 1887 he was appointed by the state board of education to the office of superintendent of public schools for Morris county, but the appointment was not confirmed by the board of freeholders of this county. In 1888 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of county clerk and was elected over the Democratic candidate by a majority of three hundred and seventy-one. So acceptably did he fill the office that in 1893 he was renominated by his party and in that contest, which is a memorable one in the county, was elected over ex-Sheriff Oscar Lindsley by a majority of eighteen hundred

and seventy-one; so that he is now serving his tenth year in the office. Promptness and the most unquestioned fidelity have characterized his discharge of public duties and his largely increased vote at the second election shows his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by those who hold the ballot.

In December, 1869, Mr. Mott was united in marriage to Miss Lauretta Mott, and they have three sons and one daughter, namely: Vancleve F., a merchant in Rockaway; Raymond L., a dental student in the Baltimore College, of Baltimore, Maryland, the oldest dental college in the world; Elias B., a member of the firm of Mott Brothers, merchants of Rockaway; and Alice May, now in her twelfth year. Mr. Mott and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, and their household is noted for its air of culture, literary taste and refinement. The members hold a high position in social circles and their friends in the community are many. Mr. Mott belongs to Citizens' Lodge, No. 144, I. O. O. F., Bethlehem Encampment, No. 50, I. O. O. F., and to the Improved Order of Red Men. Courteous, genial, well informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day one of the leading representative men of his county, a man who is a power in his community.

The subject of this sketch came from a long line of American ancestry dating back into old colonial times. The progenitors of this branch of the Mott family were among the early pioneers whose sturdy hands and stout hearts laid the firm foundations of American liberty and carved the grand outlines of our present splendid fabric of civilization from the untamed wilds of a New World. They were of those who constructed homes in its boundless forests and on its rich prairie lands. They were participants or witnesses of the long French and Indian wars whose outcome was to decide the question of French or Anglo-Saxon supremacy in the New world. They saw the revolution of 1776 come and go, and witnessed the laying of the foundation of the mightiest republic the world has ever seen. Their work is done and they have passed away—long ago, transmitting to their descendants the same love of right, justice and liberty which they so highly prize themselves.

The Motts are of French origin and were known in their native land as De la Motte. Their religious preferences were not in accord with the ruling powers, and, when Louis XIV. issued his famous Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which left them without political or legal protection, the De la Mottes were among the half million refugees who fled from their native land, of whom a French statesman declared that the most industrious, intelligent and best citizens of France had been banished by this cruel revocation. They sought asylums in England, where they were hospitably welcomed and permitted to engage in industrial pursuits. Some of them joined the Friends

as their religious preference, and those who did so dropped the French prefix and the name became simply Mott.

Two brothers, descendants of these French exiles, attracted by the descriptions which reached them of the new lands beyond the seas, together with the spirit of civil and religious liberty wafted from its shores to the Old World, determined to emigrate to America. Bidding an affectionate farewell to the motherland that had welcomed them in their exile, they set sail for the New World and after a long and tedious voyage landed on Long Island at the beginning of the eighteenth century, about the year 1709. One of these brothers with his family removed to Baltimore, Maryland, and from him is descended the Mott family now living at Baltimore, as well as the subject of this sketch, Elias B. Mott.

About the year 1770, Joshua Mott, born June 8, 1751, a descendant of the Baltimore branch, son of Joshua and Rachel Mott, came to New Jersey and settled in Amwell township, Hunterdon county. He there married Mary (born October 29, 1755), daughter of Samuel and Mary Kitchen, to whom were born (in Amwell township) the following children: Rachel, born May 5, 1776; Samuel, November 5, 1777; Gershom, October 8, 1779; William, November 2, 1780; Joshua, April 28, 1783; Margaret, August 11, 1785; John, April 17, 1787; and Lucy, April 8, 1789.

In the year 1799 Joshua Mott removed his family from Amwell township, Hunterdon county, to Mott's Hollow (now Mill Brook), and engaged in business. He owns both the gristmill and fulling mill on the banks of the stream known as Mill Brook. One son, William, learned the gristmill business; another, John, the fulling-mill business. Joshua, having disposed of both the gristmill and fulling mill in 1820, retired from active business and spent the remainder of his days with his son William on a farm at Pigeon Hill (now owned by Chileon Casterline), and there died in 1837, at the age of eighty-six, and was buried in Friends' cemetery at Mill Brook, his wife having died in 1834, at the same place, at the age of seventy-nine. William also owned Shongum Pond and many acres in its vicinity, and after leaving the gristmill erected a sawmill at Shawangunk, which he conducted for many years. Having disposed of his farm and of the sawmill, he retired to Mill Brook and there quietly ended his days in 1855, and was buried also in Friends' cemetery at Mill Brook. He (William) was married to Mary Adams and to them were born two children: Joseph, born in 1808, and Alexander. Of these Alexander died at an early age, leaving only one son, Joseph. Joseph married Margaret Kilburn, daughter of Abner and Phœbe (Crane) Kilburn, of Orange, New Jersey. He died in 1842, at Orange, New Jersey, at the age of thirty-four, leaving a widow and two children—Alexander and Harrison; of these, Harrison, who never married, died in California, in October, 1887. Margaret,

the widow of Joseph, died at the residence of her son Alexander, at Rockaway, New Jersey, in 1895, aged eighty-four, and was buried at the Friends' cemetery at Mill Brook. Alexander was united in marriage in 1865 to Frances Morrison, of Mill Brook; he is a machinist by trade, and for several years has been employed by Hoagland Brothers, of Rockaway, and is honored and respected as one of Rockaway's best citizens and has three children, namely: Susie, wife of Percy Hough, an artist of New York city; Joseph, the general manager of the lumber-yard at Kenvil, owned by Buck & Company; and Benjamin, who married Ada Burd, of Chester, and is engaged in business in New York city.

John Mott, the grandfather of Elias B. Mott, succeeded his father Joshua in the fulling mill and successfully conducted that business for many years. He was not engaged in active business during the later years of his life. He died at the Mott homestead in 1860, and is buried in Friends' cemetery at Mill Brook. He was married to Mary Briant in 1807, and to them were born three children: Samuel, in 1808, the father of Elias B. Mott, the subject of this sketch; William, in 1810; and Elizabeth, in 1813, who died at the age of seventeen years.

William was united in marriage May 10, 1835, to Elizabeth Robarts, also of French descent. He was a tailor by trade and first started in business in Mill Brook, his native town. He removed to Rockaway in 1840, and for many years continued the clothing business. He was for many years a member of the board of chosen freeholders of Morris county, and such was his popularity that he was repeatedly re-elected in spite of the greatest efforts put forth to defeat him. He died at Rockaway in his eightieth year, June 16, 1890, and was buried in the Rockaway cemetery. His widow, now living at the advanced age of eighty-two, and three sons—Charles M., Edward T. and William H.—and five daughters—Jennie, Anna, Alice, Lauretta and Matilda—still survive him. Of these all are residing at Rockaway excepting Charles M., who lives at Vernon, Sussex county.

Samuel Mott learned the hatter's trade at Orange, New Jersey, and followed that vocation until 1870, when he also retired to his home, the Mott homestead at Mill Brook, and then passed away at the age of seventy-three, and was laid at rest with his fathers in the Friends' cemetery at Mill Brook. To Samuel and Phœbe A. Mott were born, at Mill Brook, four children: Theodore F., January 7, 1839; George S., born January 8, 1841; Elias B., March 12, 1843; and Vancleve F., born July 5, 1846. Of these Elias B., the subject of this sketch, needs no further mention here.

Theodore F. Mott married Laura M. Tuttle, of Mill Brook, February 13, 1867, a daughter of David Tuttle and sister of Henry D. Tuttle, a merchant of Rockaway. To them were born three children,—George, Mamie

and Harry; of these Mamie, a beautiful, noble and accomplished girl, died at Montclair, at the age of twenty-one. George is an unusually bright and intelligent young man of twenty-four and has a responsible position in the New York custom-house. Harry is an employee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and bids fair to make his mark in his line of business.

After his marriage he resided at Mill Brook on the old homestead and then engaged in the mercantile business, which he successfully conducted until the year 1881. He then engaged in teaching until 1889, his last school being at Montclair, New Jersey. In the year 1889 he applied for and obtained a position in the New York custom-house, having successfully passed a civil-service examination and obtained the highest percentage among several hundred competitors. He still retains the position and bids fair to remain during life.

George S. learned the carpenter's trade, and having married Hattie Todd, of Williamson, New York, in 1873, settled in Newark, New Jersey, where as a carpenter, contractor and builder he was known as a successful business man. He died at Williamson, New York, in 1880, and was buried in Williamson cemetery, on the shore of Lake Ontario. His wife soon followed him and lies buried by his side in the same cemetery. They left but one child, Mina, who is now married and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Vancleve F. left home at an early age and went to live with and clerk for Judge Joseph Dalrymple in his store at Morristown, New Jersey. Having served him faithfully until advancing age caused him (the Judge) to retire from business, he next was employed by B. K. Stickle, of Rockaway, New Jersey, where he remained for several years. He then went to Newark and entered the firm of Marvin Dodd & Company, and when that firm went to Buffalo in 1868 Vancleve went with them as confidential clerk and bookkeeper. He there met and married Frances S. Shaw, daughter of Charles F. Shaw, one of Buffalo's most successful and honored citizens. He returned to Newark with the firm in 1871 and became the junior member of the company and continued with them in the mercantile business until the time of his death in 1873. He left one child, Vancleve, who was born after the death of his father. The son graduated, with high honors, at Cornell University, in 1896, and is now married and resides in Rochester, having charge of the electrical plant in that city.

Of the six children of Joshua Mott the great-grandfather of Elias B. Mott, who have not been specially mentioned in this short history, suffice it to say, they all grew to maturity, married and settled some in the adjoining states of New York and Pennsylvania and some in the far west, where their descendants still live.

THOMAS J. CLIFT.

Holding the office of mayor of Netcong, Mr. Clift is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Wayne county, on the 28th of November, 1844. He is a son of James Clift, who was born in England and when a young man crossed the Atlantic to America, where he followed the vocation of a mason builder for some years. His later life was devoted to farming in Pennsylvania, and he died in 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Pethic, passed away in 1848. They were the parents of five children: William, Samuel, Ezra, Thomas J., and Jane, wife of Myron Rood.

Thomas James Clift, of this sketch, spent the first eighteen years of his life in the county of his birth, and completing his education in the common schools, about that time, he joined a corps of civil engineers who were in the government service. They were attached to Sherman's army, and with that command went through Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas, building railroad bridges for the transportation of troops and supplies. In this way he rendered material assistance to the Union cause until honorably discharged, at the close of his term, at Newberne, North Carolina. Upon his return home he learned the carpenter's trade and for some years was in the service of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company as a mechanic. He next entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, serving as bridge and house carpenter for that corporation until 1881, when he severed his connection and embarked in general contract work at Netcong. Here he has enjoyed a very good business and has erected a number of important structures which attest his industrial skill, including the Stanhope and the Netcong school buildings, the addition to the Methodist church, the residence of Isaac Kinnicut, and the Drake opera-house, of Stanhope.

The home relations of Mr. Clift are very pleasant. He was married on the 18th of September, 1871, to Miss Caroline Huyler, a daughter of Jacob Huyler, and four children grace their union, namely: Grace, now the wife of H. W. Woods, of Kenvil, New Jersey; and Charles, Bertha and Edna, who are still under the parental roof. Theirs is one of the hospitable homes of this section of the county and their circle of friends is a large one.

Mr. Clift is a leading member in the Methodist church and has acceptably filled the office of trustee. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity and exemplifies in his life the benevolent spirit of those fraternities. He has been connected with the public service of Mount Olive township, serving as town committeeman, also as commissioner of appeals for several years, and in 1897 was elected mayor of Netcong, his able administration in that office not only upholding but also advancing the

interests of the borough. In the immediate community in which he resides his personality can be seen in all public movements and his influence is unmistakable. He is a pleasant gentleman, an interesting companion, a stanch friend, open-hearted and generous.

JAMES K. DAVIS.

A resident of Chester township, Mr. Davis is a native of Morris county, New Jersey, where he was born on the 21st of January, 1847, and he has passed all of his life in Morris county. His grandfather, Sylvanus Davis, was a Welshman and was a tailor by trade. He married a Miss Hiler and died in New Germantown. Their son, John Davis, father of our subject, was born in Hunterdon county in 1810 and was there married to Ruth, daughter of George Pickle. Early in the '40s he removed with his family to Morris county and purchased the farm now owned by his son James K. He died in 1889, but his widow still resides on the old homestead. Their children were: Melvina, deceased wife of Isaiah Hoffman; George P., a resident of Somerset county, New Jersey; John, who is living in Pottersville, New Jersey; Harriet C., wife of W. H. Vactor, of Somerset county; James K.; Henry P., a resident of Corning, Iowa; Jacob H., of Whitehouse, New Jersey; Harvey, who is located in Glen Garden, this state; Martin L., of Somerset county; and William E., of Morristown.

Upon the farm which his father purchased on removing to Morris county, James K. Davis was reared, and during his youth worked in the fields, but as he approached manhood he became deeply interested in mechanics and turned his attention to the machinist's trade. He also followed carpentering to a limited extent, but about twenty years ago resumed the occupation to which he was reared. Soon afterward he added horticultural to his agricultural pursuits, beginning the cultivation of peaches and the establishing of a peach nursery. To this dual occupation he has since devoted his energies with excellent success.

On the 11th of December, 1875, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Crater, a daughter of Amos and Ann (Hoffman) Crater, the former a farmer of New Germantown, Hunterdon county. Her parents had five children, namely: Jane; Louisa, widow of E. S. Leek; Rebecca, wife of Henry Apgar, of New Germantown; and Sarah Crater, also of New Germantown. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have three children: Anna M., Clarence S. and Florence L.

The family attend the Congregational church, in which Mr. Davis holds membership. He has the unreserved confidence of his fellow men and is well worthy of representation among the respected citizens of Morris county.

DE WITT C. QUINBY.

The name of Quinby figures conspicuously in the history of Morris county, and Judge De Witt Clinton Quinby was one who added new luster to the family records. A man of strong individuality and mentality, of firm purpose and sound judgment, he left an impress for good on the community that will long be felt. His reputation in business circles was unassailable, and he belonged to that class of representative Americans, who, loyal to their country and its principles, support all measures for the public good and do all in their power to promote the best interests of county, state and nation.

Judge Quinby was born on the old family homestead, in Hanover township, Morris county, on the 8th of February, 1830, and was a son of Isaac and Sallie (DeHart) Quinby. The father also was born in Hanover township, March 2, 1788, and spent his childhood and youth in that locality, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. His father was a shoemaker by trade and for a number of years engaged in the manufacture of shoes for the government. In this work he was assisted by his son Isaac for some time, and to agricultural pursuits the latter also devoted his energies for many years. He was a very energetic and progressive man, qualities that not only characterized his business career, but also were manifest in his discharge of the duties and obligations of citizenship. He took considerable interest in local affairs and advocated all measures or movements which he believed would prove of public benefit to the community. He married Miss DeHart, who was born February 3, 1794, and for many years they traveled life's journey together, being one in interest, in purpose and in good works. They contributed liberally to church and charitable work, and their beneficence greatly benefited the poor and needy.

They became the parents of eleven children. Phœbe, the eldest, married Davis Vail, of Speedwell, Morris county, and became the mother of Theodore N. Vail, who for a number of years was superintendent of the United States railway mail service, at Washington, D. C. Later he became president of the Bell Telephone Company, and is now a resident of Vermont. William DeHart, the second of the family, married Sarah Canfield, and resided in Morristown, where he practiced medicine for a number of years. John Alonzo removed to California about 1862. He married and had a family of sons and daughters whose descendants are still residents of the Golden state. Isaac Ferdinand, the fourth of the family, married Lizzie Gardner and was for some years a resident of Rochester, New York. In his youth he became a cadet at West Point, and was graduated in the same class of which General U. S. Grant was a member, winning the fourth

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scholarship in the class. During the war of the Rebellion he served in the Union army and won the rank of general under his former classmate. After the close of the war he was appointed a United States marshal by President Grant, and subsequently served as a professor of mathematics in a college in Rochester, New York, for a number of years. His son, Lieutenant John Gardner Quinby, won distinction in the war with Spain, in which he served with the rank indicated on the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius. In one of the leading dailies of the country appeared the following: "The war with Spain has demonstrated the destructiveness of dynamite. The work of the Vesuvius at Santiago was beyond the most sanguine expectations, and yet it is acknowledged that the deadly craft did not have half a chance to show her merits. The Vesuvius has a battery of three pneumatic guns, mounted in the bow at a fixed angle of eighteen degrees. The guns are fifty-five long, fifteen inches bore and built rigidly into the vessel. Lieutenant John Gardner Quinby, who fired the dynamite guns, is the senior lieutenant and ordnance officer on the dynamite cruiser. He is an expert in high explosives. For three years he was in charge of the government hydrographic office at Norfolk, Virginia, after which he took a course of study in high explosives at the Naval War College, at Newport." He certainly made for himself a record of which the family may well be proud, for what American is ignorant of the gallant part which the Vesuvius played in the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the harbor of Santiago?

To return to the enumeration and account of the family of Isaac and Sallie Quinby, we note that David E., the fifth member, is represented elsewhere in this volume. Emma J. was the wife of George T. Cobb, of Newark, New Jersey. Theodore, who was born May 27, 1827, died September 20, 1833. De Witt Clinton is the immediate subject of this review. George Augustus, who married a Miss Sneeden, of Morristown, practiced medicine for some time and is now living in New York city. Sarah, born August 24, 1834, died September 7, 1846. Mary Anna is the wife of William Z. Gurnee, a resident of Hawthorne, Passaic county, New Jersey.

Judge Quinby, whose name introduces this memoir, received his early mental training in the schools of Hanover township, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, managing the farm in Hanover township upon which his brother, David E. Quinby, now resides. In 1863 he removed to the village of Hanover and in 1867 returned to the old homestead farm, whereon he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring on the 12th of May, 1891. He managed his business interests with system and precision, and his energy, industry and sound judgment brought to him a comfortable competence.

He was also quite prominent in public affairs, and was frequently called to public office by his fellow-townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. He served for five consecutive years as tax collector, having been elected over his Republican opponent by a majority of one hundred and fifty. In 1887 he was appointed to the office of associate judge of Morris county by the governor, and his candidacy for the office received the earnest support and recommendation of ex-Governor Werts, who at that time was a senator from New Jersey. Mr. Quinby continued to fill the office of associate judge until his death, and discharged his duties with such promptness, fidelity and ability that he won the high commendation of all concerned.

On the 6th of January, 1852, the Judge was married to Miss Adelia S. Ball, who was a daughter of Daniel and Parmelia Ball. Two children were born of this union, Edwin Clinton, and Mary, who became the wife of Charles H. Leonard. The mother died June 11, 1888.

In his home and in all the other relations of life Judge Quinby was true to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him, and his well spent life commended him to the confidence and regard of his fellow townsmen, which he enjoyed in an unusual degree.

EDWIN C. QUINBY.

Among the old families of Morris county that have long been identified with its best development and its substantial progress and improvement is the Quinby family, of which the subject of this review is a worthy representative. He was born on the old homestead farm May 7, 1857, his parents being Judge De Witt Clinton and Adelia (Ball) Quinby. To the public schools near his home he is indebted for the early education which he received. Later his preliminary education was supplemented by knowledge acquired in the pursuit of a course of study in the Centenary Collegiate Institute, at Hackettstown, New Jersey. When his school days were over and his text-books were laid aside he resumed the labors of the farm, with which he had become familiar in his youth, following agricultural pursuits on the old Quinby farmstead until 1891, when he came to his present home near Malapardis. Here he carried on general farming and also conducts a dairy, finding in both branches of his business a profitable source of income. The place is supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences for the successful conduct of his labors, and the latest improved machinery, well kept fences and substantial buildings all indicate the progressive and enterprising spirit of the owner.

On the 1st of March, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Edwin Clinton Quinby and Miss Lizzie K. Holloway, who was born December 16,

1856, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth Holloway. To them have been born seven children, as follows: William De Witt, April 1, 1879; Mary A., April 15, 1882; Augusta, March 20, 1888; Werts, December 27, 1889; Lizzie K., May 31, 1893; Edwin C., June 22, 1894; and De Witt C., April 8, 1898.

The Quinby household is noted for its hospitality and the members of the family occupy an enviable position in social circles. They attend the Presbyterian church of Parsippany. Mr. Quinby is also somewhat prominent in local political circles and is an enterprising, progressive man, who gives his support to all measures which are calculated to advance the general welfare.

MATTHIAS FLEMING.

Mr. Fleming is identified with the farming interests of Washington township, and is one of the industrious and substantial young men of his community, his postoffice address being Parker. He is descended from one of the old New Jersey families which have been connected with the counties of Hunterdon and Morris for more than a century. Our subject was born near the place which is now his home May 12, 1863, and is a son of the late Henry Fleming, who was born in 1838 and died in 1882. The latter was a son of Levi Fleming, of Hunterdon county, a farmer and a man of considerble local prominence, his political interests being allied with those of the Democratic party. His son Henry also espoused the cause of the Democracy and never failed at election to uphold his political views by his ballot. He married Charity Hildebrant, a daughter of Matthias Hildebrant, of Hunterdon county, and the children of this marriage were Matthias, John, Asa, Mary and Henry.

The brothers were all reared upon the homestead farm and received their educational training in the district schools of the neighborhood. Our subject was married on the 10th of December, 1887, to Miss Annie Thomas, daughter of Jacob and Emeline (Apgar) Thomas, of Hunterdon county. The latter was a daughter of Addison Apgar. To Mr. and Mrs. Fleming has been born one child, Alvah.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Fleming located on the farm which he now owns and cultivates. On attaining his majority he began life independent of parental assistance, and has proven himself to be a man of industry and energy. Since the death of his mother, which occurred May 30, 1895, he and his brothers and sisters have had the management of all matters heretofore devolving largely upon older and more experienced people; but if perseverance and unceasing devotion to business counts for aught he will

acquire an enviable place among the substantial men of Washington township. He is an enthusiastic Democrat, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

CHARLES H. LEONARD.

Born August 20, 1856, in Parsippany, where he still lives, Mr. Leonard belongs to one of the early families of the state. His grandfather, Josiah Leonard, was a school-teacher and made his home in Orange. He married Miss Ogden. His son, William H. Leonard, was born in Orange, April 26, 1816, and in early life followed the shoemaker's trade, but later engaged in the butchering business, being the only butcher in Boonton at the time he conducted a store there. In matters affecting the general welfare he took a deep interest, and gave his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party. His worth and ability were recognized by his fellow townsmen, who called him to office; and for some years he acceptably served as town committeeman and was also at one time a member of the board of chosen freeholders. He married Martha Ann Stetson, a daughter of Stephen Stetson and a sister of the renowned John B. Stetson, of Philadelphia. The Stetsons were also one of the old and very prominent families of Orange, and Stephen Stetson was the father of six sons and six daughters; all the sons became successful and well known business men, John B. winning lasting fame by producing the celebrated Stetson hat, which is now known throughout the entire country. The other two surviving sons of the family are Napoleon, of Orange, and Charles, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Leonard were born four children, Kate, William W., Charles H. and George E. The father of this family died March 31, 1889, and the mother passed away on the 1st of July, 1896.

It is interesting to note that Charles H. Leonard, of this review, connected throughout his life with the interests of Morris county, has risen to a prominent place in her business ranks. He was reared under the parental roof, and before his twentieth year started out in the business world, where by his resolute purpose and well directed energies he has achieved a most gratifying success. For the past fifteen years he has been engaged in the feed and grain business, and for a time carried on a wholesale trade in brewers' grains in New York. He still deals in that commodity, together with the purchase and sale of other grains, and enjoys a liberal patronage.

Mr. Leonard has been twice married. In March, 1880, he wedded Miss Mary A. Quinby, a daughter of ex-Judge DeWitt C. and Adelaide (Ball) Quinby. Her death occurred March 30, 1881, and in January, 1887, Mr. Leonard was again married, his second union being with Miss Phœbe Ger-

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trude, daughter of Jesse and Gertrude (Bockoven) Pierson. Widely known in this community, their courteous bearing and genial dispositions have gained them many friends whose esteem indicates their own worth. Mr. Leonard has by his second marriage one son, Charles J., born May 23, 1898. Mr. Leonard is now serving as postmaster of Parsippany and is a strong Republican, now serving as committeeman of the county for Hanover township.

WILLIAM R. WILSON.

For a third of a century Mr. Wilson has been prominently identified with the business interests of Whippany as one of the leading representatives of the commercial interests of the town and the agricultural interests of the county. He was born in Whippany, July 6, 1837, his parents being Edwin and Jane Adaline (Shipman) Wilson. His mother also was born in Whippany and belonged to one of the oldest families of this section of the state. His father was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Morris county. Here he married and took up his residence on the property which is now the home of our subject. For a time he engaged in the manufacture of paper, but abandoning that pursuit he turned his attention to farming and general merchandising and for a number of years was accounted one of the leading business men in his district. He died at the old homestead in 1868, at the age of sixty-four years, and his wife, surviving him several years, passed away May 24, 1893, at the age of eighty-five years. They had four children, as follows: Julia Augusta, now deceased; William R., of this review; Isabelle, deceased; and Edwin S., now a resident of Whippany.

During the Civil war William R. Wilson succeeded his father in business, thus entering upon his career in the mercantile world. He purchased his father's store and by careful management, keen discrimination and unrelaxing energy he has not only been enabled to hold his own but has won a gratifying success. He is a man of superior business ability, and through the period of his connection with the mercantile interests of Whippany he has never failed to keep a good name and credit. He has also superintended the cultivation of two farms which he owns, and he takes special pride in keeping them highly improved. The neat and thrifty appearance of these places, their well cultivated fields and substantial buildings all indicate the practical and progressive spirit of the owner.

In his political associations Mr. Wilson is a stalwart Democrat and has held several positions of honor and trust. He has acceptably served as a member of the Morris county board of chosen freeholders and as lay judge,

and was appointed by President Cleveland, during his first and second administrations, to the office of postmaster of Whippany, a position which he held for over eight years, to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office.

Mr. Wilson has been twice married. First he was united with Miss Evanna Baldwin, of Parsippany, and again to Miss Sarah Bonnell, of Orange, New Jersey. He has a handsome and attractive home, where he dispenses a pleasing hospitality to his hosts of friends.

GEORGE H. LOOKER.

This well known citizen of Littleton, whose well developed and highly improved farm indicates the careful supervision and progressive spirit of the owner, was born near Morristown, on the 12th of August, 1824, and is descended from good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Eleazar Looker, having been one of the colonists whose valor and bravery secured to America her independence. The father of our subject was Allen Looker, a native of Irvington, New Jersey. He followed the occupation of farming and married Miss Lydia Parson, a daughter of Robert Parson, whose family name has since been changed to Pierson. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Looker, as follows: Samuel; Mary, who became the wife of Tunis Peer, of Boonton; Sylvester, Jacob, Allen, George Henry and Aaron.

When a youth of fourteen years, Mr. Looker, of this review became a resident of Littleton and in the primitive schools of that time acquired his educational training. He entered upon his business career as a farmer and during the greater part of his life has followed that pursuit, but for twenty years was engaged in the milk business. In 1848 he established a milk route in Morristown, being the first to engage in business there after the modern style of selling and distributing milk among the patrons. He to-day owns a valuable farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, lying very near Morris Plains, which he acquired as the result of his well directed energy and unceasing industry. He has made many excellent improvements thereon, in keeping with the progress of the age, and his labors have returned to him a golden tribute.

In April, 1848, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Looker and Miss Caroline H. Johnson, daughter of Isaac and Eunice (Vail) Johnson, who for a half century has been his faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey.

In politics he has been a stanch Republican since the organization of the party, and his loyalty to all duties of citizenship has led to his selection for various offices. He served his township for fifteen years as commissioner of appeals and was postmaster of Littleton for several years. His residence in

this village covers a period of sixty years, during which time he has not only witnessed the progress and advancement which has marked the county but has ever borne his part therein. His truest friends, by reason of his well spent and honorable life, are those which have known him from boyhood and who regard him highly on account of his many estimable qualities.

ROBERT D. PITNEY.

In the death of the honored subject of this memoir Morris county lost one of its substantial and worthy citizens. Mr. Pitney was born November 9, 1826, in the village of Mendham, where he was reared and acquired his education. His opportunities for attending school, however, were limited, and his privileges in other directions were also meager. He began life with no capital, but was dependent entirely upon his own efforts for all that he acquired. At the time of his marriage he purchased a portion of the farm upon which his sons now reside and made his home there until his death. In his earlier years he labored early and late to get a start, and his industry, enterprise and perseverance were the qualities which enabled him to win success. As his financial resources increased, he made additional purchases of land from time to time until his farm embraced an acreage of two hundred and eighty acres.

Mr. Pitney's relations to the community in which he lived and to the public generally were of the most cordial and friendly character. He was looked upon as a gentleman of exceptional qualities, in both business and social life. In public matters he took little interest aside from supporting all measures for the general welfare and voting for those men whose character and business capacity were a guaranty that they would properly transact the public business. He was at one time a member of the town committee, elected by the Democratic party, the principles of which he most strongly advocated. He was a member of the Fairmount Presbyterian church and regarded as one of its leading supporters and workers.

Mr. Pitney was married on the 8th of December, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Hoffman, a daughter of Peter F. Hoffman. For forty years they traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its adversity and prosperity, its sorrows and its joys, and on the 4th of March, 1890, the wife was called to the home beyond. On the 24th of September of the same year Mr. Pitney passed away. Both were held in the highest regard throughout the community and the loss of two such worthy people was widely felt. They had seven children. Maggie, who was born September 8, 1850, married George E. Salter, and died in July, 1887, leaving two children, Lewis P. and Annetta W. Amy, who was born February 10, 1852, is the wife of Albert

Bunn, of Parker, New Jersey, and their children are Grace and John D. Parker. George E., born January 17, 1854, died in childhood. Peter H., born May 14, 1856, died in early life. Barbara M., born May 27, 1858, was married to James Van Derveer and died November 8, 1894. Elwood S., born July 25, 1860, was married December 25, 1890, to Lizzie M., daughter of George M. and Jane (Beavers) Pickle. Their only child is Olive E. Charles B., born August 3, 1863, and Andrew J., born May 31, 1866, complete the family.

The Pitney brothers, Elwood, Charles and Andrew, were given the advantages of a liberal education in their home district and upon approaching manhood determined to devote their energies to the occupation to which they had been reared. Since their father's death they have operated the old homestead and are widely known as practical, progressive farmers. Their standing as citizens is in keeping with the teaching and example of their honored father and while they faithfully perform all public duties, they have never sought official preferment, only Elwood having filled a political office. He is now one of the committeemen of Chester township and with his brothers adheres to the policy and principles of the Democratic party.

LEOPOLD D. SCHWARZ.

Much of the civilization of the world has come from central Europe. Continually moving westward the promoters have taken with them the enterprise and advancement of their eastern homes and have become valued and useful citizens of various localities. In this country especially have they demonstrated their power to adapt themselves to new circumstances, retaining at the same time their progressiveness and energy and to become loyal and devoted citizens, true to the institutions of the "land of the free" and untiring in the advancement of all that will prove of benefit to their adopted country. Their enterprise and energy have largely promoted the material welfare of the communities with which they are connected, and while attaining individual successes they have also secured general prosperity. Mr. Schwarz is a worthy representative of this class of adopted American citizens, and Dover numbers him among her valued residents.

He was born in a small village called Lautchim, in Bohemia, on April 18, 1839, being one of seven children born to Jacob and Charlotte (Eisner) Schwarz, the former born in Bohemia, January 20, 1800, and the latter in December, 1799. The father died July 20, 1867, and the mother passed away on Christmas day of 1883. The parents being in moderate circumstances, Mr. Schwarz was compelled from childhood to help provide a sustenance for himself and his parents, hence his schooling was confined to

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attending a private school between the ages of five and twelve years, after which he studied at Prague, Bohemia, for a short period, and then at Vienna, Austria, the Mecca of Bohemian learning, where he spent two years in school. At thirteen, through dire necessity, he was compelled to leave school and engage in active work in order to help his family along in its struggle, and during the next five years his efforts were so well directed and repaid that in 1857, finding his parents had prospered sufficiently as not to be in need of his support, he went to Vienna and for two years engaged in the dry-goods business; but, not being able to make a success of this business, he cast his eyes westward to the new land of America, where he thought it possible success might crown his efforts; so, bidding adieu to home and native land, he embarked on the sail-ship Atlantic, and after a long and stormy voyage of sixty-three days landed in New York, on September 19, 1859, a stranger in the land and to the English language. Finding that, as he could not speak the language, no position was open to him, he had recourse to the trade of his people, which many times has proved a blessing to many of our adopted citizens in their first struggles for existence upon their arrival in this country.

Mr. Schwarz began peddling, and many old residents in northern New Jersey can recall the days when he displayed before their own eyes to the best of advantage his wares in the hopes that by so doing something might please their various tastes and so redound to his advantage. Naturally quick to learn and to take advantage of his opportunities, in the year 1869, he bought a patent for the laying of concrete pavements and in the pursuance of this business he made his first visit to Dover, where from 1869 until 1876 he engaged in this line of business, with good success, and to-day these walks still exist in Dover. By the contracts growing out of the laying of these walks and through judicious management he was able to accumulate a handsome competence, which he very wisely invested in real estate, having sound judgment concerning what would grow valuable in the near future as the town expanded. In 1874 he extended his field of operations by opening a wholesale liquor establishment in the building now known as No. 42 Sussex street, where he still continues the business. In 1877 Mr. Schwarz began the buying of green hides, skins and tallow from the butchers throughout the counties of Morris, Sussex and Warren, and it is in this business that he made his most pronounced success financially, retiring therefrom in 1892, owing to the almost complete demoralization of that branch of trade, devoting his attention to his liquor store and to real-estate operations. To-day he is a large real-estate owner in the city of Dover; one of the organizers of the Dover Electric Light Company, of which he is at present director and treasurer; and is one of the largest stockholders and property owners at Lake

Hopatcong, New Jersey. Through his street contracts and real-estate business he has probably done as much to improve and benefit the town as any other one man, and has always manifested a deep and commendable interest in everything pertaining to its welfare.

On the 17th of March, 1870, Mr. Schwarz wedded Miss Hannah Keller, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and now has five sons: Eugene J., now of Philadelphia, Sidney S., Irving E., Harry L., and Mark H.—all of whom with the exception of the last are mentioned actively engaged in business.

Although Mr. Schwarz commenced life in this country on very limited means, he has overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path and steadily advanced on the road to prosperity. He is now numbered among the substantial and reliable citizens of Dover and well deserves representation in this volume.

JONATHAN BARKMAN.

A successful farmer of Parker is Jonathan Barkman, who is a son of the late Henry Newman Pohlman Barkman. His grandfather, Jonathan Barkman, was born October 21, 1787, and married Sarah Felmly, a daughter of David Felmly. He provdied for the maintenance of himself and family by following the carpenter's trade, and passed his entire life in New Germantown, New Jersey, his death occurring in October, 1867. He was the father of five children, of whom Pohlman Barkman was the second.

The latter was born on the 25th of August, 1822, in Hunterdon county, where he was reared to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father. He followed that pursuit for eight years after his marriage and then turned his attention to farming, at which time he removed from his home near New Germantown, where he had resided for some years, to his farmstead in Parker, taking up his abode at the latter place in 1858. He was very successful in his business undertakings, owing to his energy, industry and perseverance. A highly respected and popular citizen, he died November 10, 1882. He was married July 25, 1854, to Merinda Rinehart, a daughter of William Rinehart, whose children were John and Merinda. John Rinehart, who married Rebecca Huffman, died in 1897, leaving a son, William, and two daughters, Mary C. and Emma. Mrs. Barkman was born June 6, 1830, and by her marriage became the mother of the following named: Mary E., born January 10, 1850, wife of George Pickle, of Califon, New Jersey; Sarah, born July 23, 1851, wife of John Pickle, of Fairmont, New Jersey; Andrew S., who was born October 16, 1852, and died in childhood; William R., who was born May 3, 1854, and married Sarah Welsh; Esther A., who was born February 19, 1856; Jonathan, of this review; Morris,

who was born April 10, 1859, and married Cora Morse, their home being now in Chicago; Maggie, who was born November 11, 1860, and married Samuel Reed, a resident of Schooley's Mountain; David H., a resident of Ohio, Illinois, who was born February 23, 1862, and married Ida Wood; Charlotte, who was born April 23, 1863, and died October 2, 1880; Jennie, who was born August 23, 1866, and is the wife of Manning Fisher, of Pottersville; and George H., of Whitefield, Illinois, who was born October 27, 1868.

Jonathan Barkman was born June 26, 1857, near New Germantown, but was reared on the Parker homestead, while in the public schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. He has always resided on the farm with the exception of a period of five years passed in Hunterdon county, and in the management of his property displays a thorough understanding of the business. The fields are well cultivated and the place is neat and thrifty in appearance.

Mr. Barkman was married October 4, 1884, to Miss Eliza A. Cregar, who, after a happy married life of about ten years, passed away on the 13th of April, 1894, leaving four children: Urias, born April 18, 1886; Walter, born September 8, 1888; Alice Mabel, born in November, 1891; and Ruth, born in October, 1893. Mr. Barkman is quite prominent in local political circles, stanchly advocates the principles of the Republican party, and has served as a member of the executive committee of the county organization.

ISAAC VAN NESS.

A well known and greatly respected resident of Morris county, the honored subject of this review is engaged in farming near Pine Brook, and makes a specialty of vegetables and strawberries. He was born on the homestead where he now resides, on the 21st of November, 1841, a son of Peter W. and Mary (Peer) Van Ness. William Van Ness, the grandfather, and first of the family to settle in Morris county, came to the farm now owned by our subject previous to 1800. He was born in 1770, his parents being Henry and Rachel Van Ness, the former of whom died November 19, 1816, and the latter February 14, 1814, and he was twice married,—one union having been with Miss Hannah Riker, the name of his other wife being unknown. Two children were born to him, Elizabeth, who married Francis Peer, of Montville, and Peter W.

The birth of Peter W. Van Ness occurred on the old homestead May 3, 1801, and there he continued to reside during his lifetime. He married Miss Mary Peer, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Francis P., deceased; William, who lives in Pine Brook; Caroline, deceased, mar-

ried Henry Vreeland, of Montville township; Elizabeth, deceased, married Elisha Pierce, of Montville township; John, deceased; Sarah Ann became Mrs. George E. Mead, of Essex county; Hettie Maria married Nathaniel J. Kent, of Montville; Margaret Jane, unmarried; Rachel, now Mrs. George Heisler, of Camden, New Jersey; and Isaac, our subject. Peter W. Van Ness affiliated with the Fairfield Reformed church, but later in life transferred his membership to the Pine Brook Methodist Episcopal church, whose house of worship he helped to build. He died on the 28th of May, 1859, and was survived by his wife until March 25, 1871, when she also passed to her eternal rest.

Isaac Van Ness, after acquiring such knowledge as was afforded by the district schools, entered upon the active duties of farm life and has continued to devote his time and energies to that branch of industry ever since. He gives particular attention to general farming, in which he has met with distinct success, and each year sends to market a large and varied assortment of crops.

In touching upon the political side of Mr. Van Ness' life, it may be stated that he is a firm advocate of Republican principles, believing them to be the most conducive to the prosperity of the nation. He has served as tax collector, a member of the school board and as township committeeman. He is a trustee in the Pine Brook Methodist church.

The marriage of Mr. Van Ness was consummated April 5, 1865, when he was united to Miss Alice W. Starkey, born March 11, 1842, a daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Fox) Starkey, and one child resulted from this union, namely: Benjamin S., who was born on the 9th of March, 1866, and who after completing his education followed teaching as a profession. He married Miss Laura A. Van Duyne, daughter of James A. Van Duyne, and two children were born to them: Earl Benjamin, born February 11, 1892; and Floyd Starkey, born January 13, 1895. Benjamin S. died on the 16th of March, 1897.

GEORGE JENKINS.

George Jenkins was for many years prominently connected with the industrial and social interests of Morris county. He was born in the town of Llansamlet, Glamorganshire, Wales, November, 1806, and was educated in his native land; but, not finding the business opportunities he sought, he resolved to seek a home and fortune in America. Accordingly, in 1834, he crossed the Atlantic, locating in Philadelphia, where, in 1836, he married Miss Hannah Morgan, a relative of David Thomas, the founder of the Crane Iron Works at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. After his marriage he was made

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assistant superintendent of Mr. Thomas' Iron Works, and acquired a thorough and practical knowledge of the manufacture of iron. In 1848, when the New Jersey Iron Company, of Boonton, asked Mr. Thomas to recommend a competent man to manage their furnaces, the latter named Mr. Jenkins, who was offered the position of superintendent. He served in that capacity until his death, which occurred January 7, 1864. His thorough and practical understanding of the business well fitted him for his responsible position, and he managed the works in a manner that brought success to the company and gained him their high regard and unqualified confidence.

Mr. Jenkins was a very progressive and enterprising man, and was an active factor in the development and progress of Boonton along commercial, moral, educational and social lines. From the organization of the Republican party he was an active worker in its ranks, and was most earnest in his advocacy of its principles. He served in a number of local offices, discharging his duties with promptness and ability. He contributed liberally to church work, and for many years served as elder and trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Boonton.

His wife was to him a faithful companion and helpmeet, and ably seconded him in his good work. She was born at Llangued, Glamorganshire, Wales, February 22, 1811, and died October 21, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had eight children, five of whom are living: George W. Jenkins, in Morristown; Frank Jenkins, in New York; and Mrs. A. L. Dennis and sister, Miss Mary B. Jenkins, in Boonton; and H. C. Jenkins, the eldest son, is in business in New York and resides in Boonton, where he has always taken an active interest in the prosperity of the town.

SAMUEL H. PICKLE.

The life of Mr. Pickle, though quiet and unobtrusive, yet contains many lessons that are worthy of emulation. He has for years been numbered among the trustworthy farmers of Washington township. He was born in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, on the 23d of July, 1822, and is a son of George and Sarah (Howell) Pickle, who were natives of the same county, the former born January 14, 1784, and the latter May 7, 1787. Her father was Isaac Howell, who died August 19, 1862. The marriage of George Pickle and Sarah Howell occurred June 5, 1811, and the former died October 18, 1864, while the latter was called to the home beyond June 23, 1852. Their children were Marietta, who married John Rowe; Isaac, of Trenton, New Jersey; Ruth, widow of John Davis, of Hacklebarny; Matthias, who lives in Illinois; Alfred, a resident of Fairmount, New Jersey; Samuel H.,

of this review; George, a resident of Chester township; and Henry, who also resides in Morris county.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood on the old Pickle homestead, which is now the property of Frederick Pickle, of Hunterdon county, and received a limited education in the schools of Pottersville. After his marriage he began farming on his own account, locating on the old Davis place near Hacklebarny, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for a few years. In 1857 he removed to his present farm and for forty years has resided thereon continuously. He has ninety-two acres of rich and arable land, well tilled and yielding good crops in return for the labor he bestows upon the place.

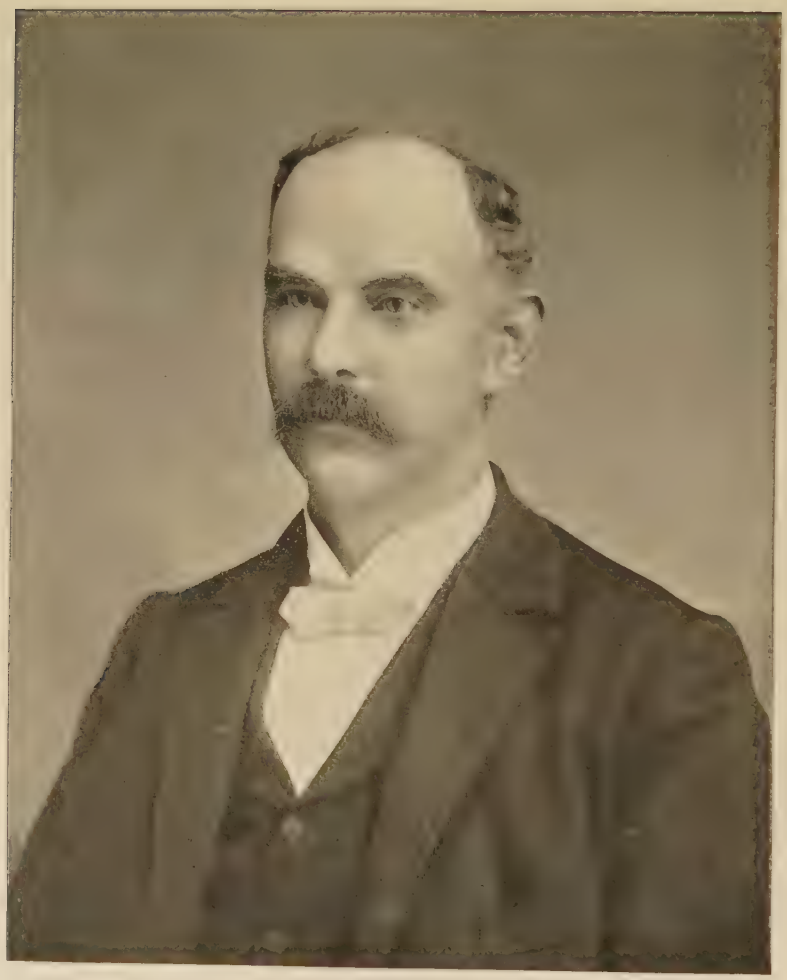
Mr. Pickle has been twice married. On the 24th of October, 1846, he wedded Deborah Bartles, daughter of Henry Bartles. She died March 8, 1886, and on the 30th of November, 1889, he was again married, his second union being with Elizabeth A. Walters, who died October 29, 1894. Mr. Pickle's children, all born of the first marriage, are as follows: Marietta, who was born September 27, 1847, and is the wife of Manning Beavers; John, who was born June 12, 1849, and married Sarah Barkman; George H. was born February 16, 1853, and is now deceased; Susanna, who was born April 2, 1857, and is the deceased wife of Horace Iliff; Catherine, who was born July 16, 1862, and is now deceased; and Tamzen Addie, who was born July 4, 1865, and is the wife of William I. Hyler, of Hunterdon county, New Jersey.

Mr. Pickle has led a quiet and unassuming life, his chief aim being to attain an honorable name and a comfortable competence for his family, rather than to secure wealth or political favor. He votes with the Democratic party on matters of state and national importance, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, supports the men whom he thinks best qualified for office without regard to party affiliations.

ISRAEL P. MILLER.

This well known resident of Netcong is a man whom to know is an honor, for his well spent life has gained him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. Advancement has been his watchword, and the years have marked a steady progress along business and educational lines. He is a man of large affairs and broad ideas, and the cultivation of his mental powers has made him a leader in thought and action in his section of Morris county.

Mr. Miller is a native of Sussex county, New Jersey, born on the 12th of November, 1820. His father, Hiram Miller, was born near Sparta, this



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state, and was a wheelwright by trade. He married Elizabeth Conger and they became the parents of five children, namely: Maria, deceased, wife of Josephus Sands; Israel P.; Matilda B., widow of Archibald Horton; Eliza; and Jane, deceased wife of Aaron Chamberlin. The father of this family possessed the essential qualities of good citizenship, was a prominent church worker and a devout Christian man. He died at the ripe old age of eighty years.

In the village of Stanhope, Israel P. Miller spent his youth, and pursued his education in the common schools, where he mastered the "three R's," but advanced little farther. His tastes, however, were of a scholarly character and led him to do much reading and study outside of the school-room. In his early life he served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, became a builder and followed that vocation for fifteen years. At the age of thirty-five he retired from that business and devoted his energies to educational work, becoming a successful school-teacher. In the meantime he had carefully studied Latin and Greek, and had attained a proficiency that enabled him to translate the writings in those tongues with accuracy. On account of this fact he was dubbed by those who were proud of his achievements "old man science." He possessed even a greater fondness for music than for the languages, and gave much study to both instrumental and vocal music and became a teacher of both branches of the art. He led the church choir for more than forty years and also acted as organist for many years. Music has always been to him one of his chief sources of delight, while in rambling in the field of literature he has passed many pleasant hours. Of late years he has also written for the local press, contributing some short poems, which are said by people of high literary standing to contain much merit.

Mr. Miller began life on a capital of two hundred dollars and has managed his business affairs in such a way that he is regarded as one of the most affluent men in Mount Olive township. For many years he has conducted a coal and lumber business in Netcong, because indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he could not content himself without some active interests. Mr. Miller is temperate in all things and is specially averse to the drink habit, believing that in no way are alcoholic beverages necessary to the welfare of mankind.

EDWARD M. SMACK.

This prominent citizen of Morristown, was born in Morris county, on the 11th of February, 1859. His ancestral history is one of long connection with that of the nation. In the early days, when New York was settled by emigrants from Holland and Germany, the Smack family was founded on

American soil by those who left their home in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and took up their residence in the colony which had founded a town destined to become the metropolis of the New World.

The father of our subject, Samuel K. Smack, was born in New York city, and in 1857 removed to Morris county, New Jersey, where he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in Chatham, October 29, 1879. By trade he was a carpenter. Twice married, his first union was with Miss Maria Greer, by whom he had several children, namely: Stephen, who married Hattie Courter; he died leaving five children,—Stephen, Charles, George, William and Hattie. William C. F., a resident of Kearney, New Jersey; he married Phœbe Crane and had three children,—William, Bessie and May. Maria L., who became the wife of James Greer, of New York city, and has two children,—William D. and Charles H. After the death of his first wife, Samuel K. Smack wedded Miss Mary Herring, daughter of Caleb Herring, a commission merchant, and the surviving children by the latter marriage are: Mary, wife of Rev. D. F. McFall, of Maryland; Edward M., the subject of this sketch; Sarah J., wife of Rev. Levi B. Salmons, of Guatemala, Central America; Emma R.; Harry A. B., of Montclair, New Jersey; Lizzie G.; and Winifred, wife of Rev. James Simister, now a missionary at Foo-choo, China. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Caleb Herring, a basket-maker by trade, was born at Fort Putnam, about the close of the Revolutionary war; and his father, a patriot soldier, died in that fort.

Edward M. Smack acquired his education in the schools of Morristown, but in his youth his studies were interrupted by intervals of assisting his father. When fifteen years of age he was employed as clerk and driver for a grocer named Cook. This, however, was not taken as a permanent position, and, having been employed at carpentering by his father previous to this time, he concluded to master that trade, which in due time he successfully accomplished. After working as a journeyman for five years he began to take contracts for building, his first job being the construction of a residence for R. H. Dempsey on Woodland avenue, and since then he has erected many of the fine residences of the city, as those of R. H. Williams, Mrs. C. S. Banning, W. S. Letchford, A. W. Colgate and Dr. Henriques. He is thorough, painstaking and exact in his work, fulfilling the terms of a contract to the very letter; and the public, recognizing his trustworthiness, has therefore given him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Smack was married in Newark, on the 3d of February, 1880, to Miss Ellen A., who was born August 23, 1861, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Heffernan) Dempsey, natives of Ireland. They now have three children living,—Edward Boyd, Gertrude C. and Cyril; two others are deceased.

Mr. Smack gives his political support to the Republican party and is now serving as collector of taxes in Morris township. He is a member of the Catholic Benefit Legion, and, with his family, is connected with the Roman Catholic church. He has considerable musical talent and is prominent in musical circles, being regarded as an accomplished vocalist. He enjoys the distinction of having been a pupil of Signor Ardivanni for some time at Steinway Hall, New York city. In 1893, at a public contest, he won a free scholarship in the National Conservatory of Music in New York city. Here in Morristown he has gratuitously rendered his skillful services at numerous charitable and other public entertainments.

JOHN WESLEY BEAVERS.

Mr. Beavers, who is residing in Washington township, near Pottersville, was born in Lebanon township, Hunterdon county, on the 26th of October, 1831, and is a son of Joseph Beavers, who was born in the same locality and there died. He was a farmer by occupation, as were his father and grandfather, and like them he supported the Whig party until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. His father bore the name of Ralph Beavers, his grandfather was George W. Beavers. The latter owned and operated a mill on Spruce Run, above Highbridge, and was a thrifty, enterprising business man and a substantial and respected citizen. His son Ralph accumulated a modest fortune as a farmer and was prominent in Hunterdon county, in both politics and business. He served his township as freeholder and supported all measures for the general good. His wife bore the maiden name of Christiana Dilch, and to them were born the following named: Harmon; Joseph; Elizabeth, who married for her third husband Richard Pilhauer; Mahala; Catherine, who married Jacob D. Fritz; and Naomi. Elizabeth and Catherine are now the only survivors.

Joseph Beavers, father of our subject, married Margaret Stout, daughter of Andrew Stout. She died in 1892. Her children were John W.; Jane, wife of George Pickle; of Chester township; Martha, wife of Theodore Lance; Joseph C., deceased, a soldier of the Civil war; George, who died in the military service of his country, during the Civil war, near Falmouth Station, his disease being typhoid fever; Christiana, deceased; Ralph, who is living in Bennett, Nebraska; Harmon, of Hunterdon county; and Elijah and Andrew, both deceased.

During the first nine years of his life John W. Beavers remained on the old family homestead, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to a farm in Tewksbury township, Hunterdon county, where he remained for thirteen years. The educational privileges which he enjoyed were those

afforded by the common schools, which he attended until his twentieth year. He located upon his present farm in 1853 and has since devoted his time and energies to its cultivation. The fields have ever been well tilled and with great care Mr. Beavers has looked after his interests, so that his labors have been rewarded with a fair degree of success.

He was married on the 18th of August, 1855, the lady of his choice being Miss Emeline Seavers, a daughter of Abram and Hannah (Manning) Seavers. Mr. and Mrs. Beavers became the parents of seven children: Rebecca, deceased; Elijah W., of Hunterdon county, who married Blanche Apgar; Joseph, deceased; Georgiana, wife of Peter L. Apgar, of Washington township; William S., deceased; Ulysses G., of Morris county, who married Sarah Apgar; and Samuel S., of Hunterdon county, who wedded Emma Van Pelt.

In his political association Mr. Beavers is a Republican and is deeply interested in the success of his party, although he has never sought or desired official preferment for himself. For twelve years he has served as trustee of the Fairmount Methodist church, in which he has long held membership. His farm comprises one hundred and six acres, and to its cultivation he devotes the greater part of his time. His business methods are honorable and reliable and in his intercourse with his fellowmen he has always borne himself as a quiet, unassuming gentlemen, his true worth winning him the regard of all.

ARJAY DAVIES.

Mr. Davies, who is bookkeeper and manager for the firm of Robert F. Oram & Company, at Port Oram, was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1865, and is the eldest son of John R. and Jane (Eynon) Davies, the former of whom was a native of Wales and was chief clerk in the office of the Kingston Coal Company, at Kingston, where he resided for many years. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of John Eynon, and she died in 1874.

The subject of this review passed the greater part of his youth in Scranton, where he attended the public schools and completed his studies in a private institution, after leaving which he entered the store of Carson & Davies, at Scranton, and remained in their employ for a period of fourteen years, the latter part of which he was in charge of a branch store at Peckville, Pennsylvania. In March, 1891, Mr. Davies came to Port Oram and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the firm of Robert F. Oram & Company, subsequently being promoted to the office of manager, and he is discharging his dual duties with pronounced ability and to the entire satisfaction of his employers.

Mr. Davies is an active worker in the local ranks of the Republican

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party, with which he is affiliated, and he is a member of the Republican county committee. He is secretary and treasurer of the local branch of the State Mutual Building & Loan Association, the main offices being located at Camden.

On the 20th of December, 1888, Mr. Davies was united in marriage to Miss Alice Watkins, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she was born and reared, and they have two sons and a daughter, as follows: Ewart G., Robert W. and Margaret E. Mr. and Mrs. Davies are popular in Port Oram, where they have a large number of friends.

JOSEPH F. McLEAN.

As assistant superintendent of the Butler Hard Rubber Works, of Butler, and county tax collector of Morris county, Mr. McLean has attained in business and political circles a prominence that arises from superior ability, great energy and unfaltering fidelity to duty. From the humble position of errand boy in a dry-goods house of New York city, he has advanced steadily step by step to the important post which he now occupies in connection with one of the most important industries of the country. His life demonstrates the possibilities that are open to young men of courage and ambition who have the will to do, accompanied by an honorable and steadfast purpose.

Born in the metropolis of America on the 7th of October, 1867, Mr. McLean is the youngest child of William and Mary A. (Donovan) McLean, the former a native of Belfast, Ireland, the latter born in New York city, the daughter of John and Mary (Hayes) Donovan. The father is a shoemaker by trade and came to the United States in 1840, locating in New York, where he carried on a successful business in the line of his chosen vocation for many years. He is now living retired, at the age of seventy, in Hancock street, Brooklyn. His wife was born on the present site of the New York Stock Exchange. Her father, John Donovan, founded a ladies' seminary, a private school at the lower end of Broadway, and was an educator of note in the first half of the nineteenth century. He, too, was a native of the Emerald Isle. Mr. and Mrs. McLean reared an interesting family, the record of whom is as follows: William, who was educated in the St. Francis Xavier Academy, which institution conferred upon him the degrees of B. A. and M. A., and later attended the Columbia College of Law, then traveled through the south and west, familiarizing himself with the operation of railroads in their relation to liabilities to claims for damages. He is now chief claim agent for the Southwestern Traffic Association, of St. Louis, Missouri, and is an able attorney at law. He married Miss Irene Van Horn, of Cleveland, Ohio. Kate T. McLean, the only daughter of the family, is a well known, cultured and popular teacher

in public school No. 2, of New York. She is a graduate of that school and a graduate of the Normal College of New York, in which she has also pursued the post-graduate course. A writer of recognized ability, one of her poems, the "Ode to Columbus," written in the exposition year, proved a very popular production and was recited by the school children all over New York in their literary, society and public-school entertainments.

Joseph F. McLean, who completes the family, finished his preliminary education in school No. 2, of New York, attended New York College for a short time and then pursued a commercial course in the New York evening high school. He entered upon his business career in the capacity of errand boy for Halsted, Haines & Company, dry-goods merchants, and remained with that house, steadily advancing to higher positions until their failure, in 1884. He was then offered a position by the Butler Hard Rubber Company, and entered its employ in the capacity of shipping clerk. As he mastered the duties assigned to him and manifested ability and willingness to perform any service assigned to him, he was promoted and has filled successively the positions of order clerk, bookkeeper, cashier and corresponding clerk, and in 1891 was made assistant superintendent, with confidential relations to the general superintendent. He is also now one of the stockholders of the company.

Mr. McLean was married at Pompton Plains, June 26, 1895, by Rev. Charles J. Allen, to Miss Cora May Gilland, a daughter of Alexander and Clarissa (De Mott) Gilland. Socially he holds membership relations with Silentia Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is an unwavering Republican and has become one of the directors of party affairs in Morris county. He has declined offers of nomination to the offices of town committeeman, freeholder and representative to the state legislature, preferring to devote his time to his business. His knowledge of complicated accounts, gained by his experience as bookkeeper of the Butler Hard Rubber Company, commended him to the board of freeholders as a most suitable person for the office of county collector, and he was appointed during the memorable deadlock of 1897, after a session of eighteen hours. His bond is one hundred thousand dollars. He is filling the position with marked ability and fidelity, and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen is well merited. In 1898 Mr. McLean entered into partnership with Edwin N. Chapman, of New York city, to engage in the manufacture of soft-rubber goods under the firm name of Chapman & McLean, and at present they have in course of construction an extensive plant, equipped with the latest improved and modern machinery for the manufacture of their wares at Butler. Employment will be furnished to upward of one hundred hands, in the manufacture of soft rubber and soft-rubber goods.

WILLIAM W. ARMFIELD.

William W. Armfield, of Millington, who was formerly prominent in the business circles of America's metropolis, is now enjoying a quiet, retired life in the beautiful Passaic valley. He is a native of England and came to the United States in 1845, making his home in New York city and later in Brooklyn, where he was engaged for several years in the coal business, building up an extensive trade. In 1865 he purchased a tract of land in Millington, and erected thereon a beautiful home.

Mr. Armfield has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Mary Winterton, of New York city, by whom he had one daughter, now Mrs. Holt, of San José, California. He married again in 1895, his second union being with Miss Augusta Dunn, the youngest daughter of Abram and Catherine (Cooper) Dunn. Mrs. Warfield descends from two of the oldest families in the state, the Dunns settling in Middlesex county as early 1666, and the Coopers in 1695. Her father was the youngest son of Clawson and Alice (Coriell) Dunn, and was born at New Market, New Jersey, May 20, 1807. He married Catherine Cooper, only daughter of Peter and Susan (Boyle) Cooper, and settled in Millington, New Jersey, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a prominent and influential citizen, one of the founders of the Millington Baptist church, and held a number of offices of honor and trust, while his advice and counsel were sought by all classes of people. In his early life he gave his support to the Whig party, and on its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He took an active part in public affairs, and in all the relations of his life bore a reputation that was unassailable. He died very suddenly February 1, 1874, and his wife, surviving him twenty years, passed away July 19, 1894.

Some years ago Mr. Armfield sold his home in Millington, but after his second marriage he again erected a fine residence here. His wife is a native of the place, and has spent the greater part of her life here.

GEORGE BIGALOW.

A well known citizen and business man of Newfoundland, is Mr. Bigalow, who was born on the old family homestead at this place, April 20, 1855. His father is a native of the same locality, born in 1811, and his death occurred there in 1891. His educational privileges were very meager, and at an early age he began working at the forge and in the iron business, a pursuit which he followed for some years, but finally abandoned in order to engage in building. He was a good mechanic and many of the substantial structures in this part of the county are his handiwork. He was a man of intensely religious nature, a Methodist in belief and was one of the chief con-

tributors toward the support of that denomination in Newfoundland. He married Elizabeth Lyon, a daughter of James Lyon, who resided near Boonton, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Jeanette, wife of Samuel Truax; Jonathan, who was a soldier in the Union army and was held as a prisoner of war in Libby prison; Susan, wife of Charles A. Monks; Milton, deceased; Daniel, James and George.

The last named equipped himself for the duties of life by learning the carpenter's trade, and soon took up contract work, which he has since continued. He is one of the firm of Bigalow Brothers, proprietors of a saw and turning mill in Newfoundland, and through their industrial interests they have done much to improve and beautify this locality. They have erected a number of important structures, including the addition to Brown's hotel, the McConnell residence, the addition to the hotel in Stockholm and several cottages there, and the residences of William Post, Leo P. Wise, Mrs. Watkins and James H. Owens, of Newfoundland.

Mr. Bigalow was married December 28, 1880, to Sarah J. Davenport, daughter of Edward Davenport and Sarah (Fredericks) Davenport. Four children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bigalow, but their first born, Reuben, is now deceased. The others are Bertha, Leonard and Horace, all at home. The family attend the Methodist church and Mr. Bigalow has been an active worker therein since boyhood. For several years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school and does all in his power to promote the growth and advance the work of the church. In his political views he is a Democrat, but has never taken an active part in political affairs. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a kind father and good husband, striving at all times to cherish a sweet disposition.

GEORGE F. McLEAN.

George F. McLean, of Butler, was born in Essex county, Vermont, February 3, 1856, and is a representative of one of the old families of Massachusetts, his father, Alexander McLean, having been a native of Boston, whence he removed to the Green Mountain state in his youth. He married Margaret, daughter of Lewis Reef, and as a life work followed the occupation of farming in New England. The record of his family is as follows: Mary is the wife of Joseph Durant, superintendent of the Sparta Iron Works, of Sparta, Wisconsin; Margaret is the wife of J. D. Andrews, of Manchester, New Hampshire; Anna is the wife of Philip Winsor, a resident of Seattle, Washington; William H. is a carpenter in Manchester, New Hampshire; and George F. completes the family.

Our subject spent the first twenty years of his life in his native state and

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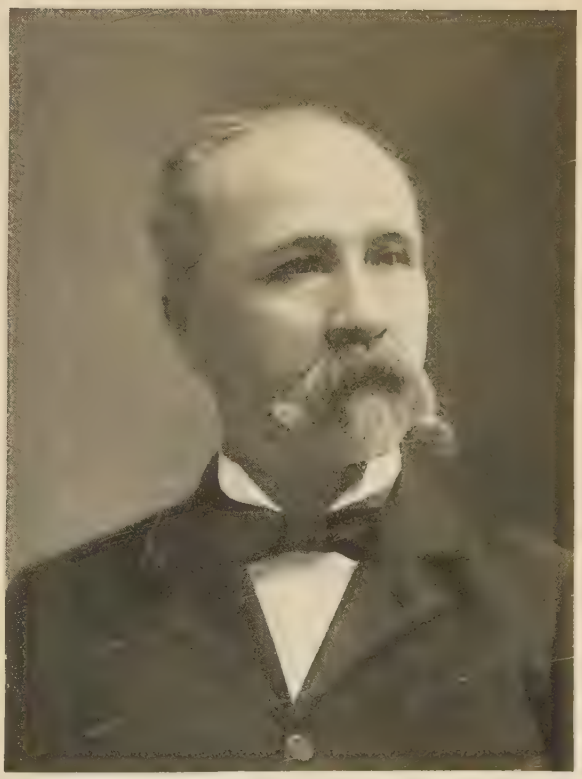

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then removed to New Jersey, locating in Butler. It was at that time that he first became connected with the Rubber Comb and Jewelry Works under the superintendency of Sonneborne. After spending a year in the factory he was induced to make a trip to the west, and spent the greater part of two years in Harrisville, Michigan. In 1880 he returned to Butler and accepted a minor position in the stock department of the Rubber Company. He knew nothing of the Goodyear process of manufacturing rubber, but had the faculty of adapting himself readily to his surroundings and to circumstances generally, aud was not long in demonstrating the fact that he was a capable, reliable young man, who would win advancement by close application and a thorough mastery of the duties entrusted to him. He applies himself to his work with diligence and energy, making the workshop his school, and when his chief, Superintendent Kiel, was called to take the direction and superintendency of the factory, his young Vermont assistant was regarded as the best equipped and most available man for the place left vacant by Mr. Kiel. Accordingly he was chosen and is now serving as chief of the stock-making department of the Butler Hard Rubber Works. He stands in confidential relations to his superior in all experiments, which are a large part of the work of his department, and has become an indispensable employe of the company.

Mr. McLean was married in Butler, July 12, 1882, to Mary C. Riley, the youngest of the ten children of Mrs. Mary Riley, of Pompton. The others of the family are: George, Edward and John, all of Newark; Spencer, of Paterson, New Jersey; Isaiah and David, of Butler; Alice, wife of George W. Swift, of Elmira, New York; Sarah, wife of Charles Whiteman, of Bloomingdale, who is superintending the construction of a rubber plant at Hagen, Germany; and Louisa, wife of Levi Brown, of Butler. Mr. and Mrs. McLean are now the parents of four children—Wilber S., Clarence A., George Herbert and Helen.

JOHN A. FARREL.

This gentleman, a manufacturer of paper boxes at Butler, was born in Hammersley street, now a part of West Houston, in the city of New York, in 1849. He lost his mother when only four years old, but continued to live with his father, who was a man of considerable intelligence, highly respected by those who knew him. His early youth was passed in much the same manner as that of other boys of that period, attending school in his early years. Wishing, however, to be independent, he left the school-room for business life and at the age of fourteen years secured a position in a paper-box factory, where his fidelity to duty and application to the tasks assigned him won him constant promotion. After six years he was made manager of a box

factory for a cable-cord manufacturer in Sixth avenue, New York. During this time, realizing the need of a better education, he attended the Cooper Institute and the New York Evening High School, in which institution he was graduated. In 1871 he accepted an offer of a position which came to him from New Haven, Connecticut, and remained in that state for seven years, spending three years in Waterbury. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Butler Hard Rubber Company as foreman of the box department, and served there until 1898, when he entered into the business of manufacturing paper boxes on his own account.

Mr. Farrel has taken a deep interest in the movements that tend to promote the education, social and material welfare of the community. At the formation of the Butler school district he was appointed school trustee, and was afterward elected to that office, and has since played an important part in locating and building the present Butler school. While a resident of Connecticut Mr. Farrel became associated with several temperance organizations and soon drifted into the Prohibition party, where his enthusiasm caused him to receive their nomination for justice. He is now, however, a stanch Republican in his political views and is a recognized leader in the local ranks of his party, having served as a member of the county executive committee and several times as a member of the township executive committee. Socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is secretary of Silentia Lodge, F. & A. M.

While connected with the Good Templars society Mr. Farrel was first introduced to Miss Ella E. Bassett, a daughter of Lewis Allen Bassett, a veteran of the Civil war, and a member of an old Connecticut family, and on the 4th of July, 1875, the young couple were married. Their union has been blessed with three children: Charlotte, Edna and Inez. In Butler the family have many warm friends. Mr. Farrel is rather reserved in manner, but his friendship once won is highly prized. He is a man of unswerving honesty, true to his convictions and in all life's relations is esteemed for his genuine worth.

RUDOLPH GUNTER.

This highly respected citizen of Butler is the foreman of the control room of the Butler Hard Rubber Company, and one of the oldest, in point of service, of the employes. He was born in Sulzbach, Baden, on the 11th of December, 1842. His father, George Gunter, was a native of the same locality, born in 1777, and was a linen-weaver by trade. In his early life he saw much of the actual warfare which was carried on by the great Napoleon in his conquest of Europe, and served in Spain and other countries with the

army of the "little Corsican." He was in that service for eight years, and during his stay on the Iberian peninsula learned the language of the Castilians, so as to be able to speak it fluently. He resided in Baden until 1852, when he brought his children to the United States, and spent his remaining days in Newark, where his death occurred in February, 1883. He married Anna Mary Heinz, who died in her native land. Their children were: Frederick, who married Pelogia Belcher and died in Butler, New Jersey, where he was for some years in the employ of the Boonton Iron Works; Louisa, wife of Adam Berberich, of Newark; Apollonia, wife of Charles Schriver, a resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Isidore and Wilhelmina, both deceased; and Rudolph.

On arriving in this country Rudolph Gunter attended the night schools of Newark in order to acquaint himself with the English language. His first essential effort in the direction of his individual independence was in a harness-making establishment of that city, a pursuit which he followed in Newark until 1860, when he went to Boonton and accepted a situation in the nail factory there. He worked in that line until the 1st of August, 1861, when he offered his service to the government, enlisting in Captain Theodore Feldstein's company, known as Company F, Sixty-eighth New York Infantry. On the 27th of August the command left New York for the front and served in the First Brigade, Third Division, Eleventh Army Corps, and later in the Fourth Division, Twentieth Corps. He was discharged in Lookout Valley, December 31, 1863, but re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same company and regiment January 7, 1864, for three years, under command of Colonel Robert E. Betger. He participated in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Warrenton Junction, March 29, 1862; Cross Keys, on the 8th of June, 1862; Whitehouse Fort in General Pope's campaign, from the 16th of August to the 11th of September, 1862; Waterloo Bridge, August 24–25; Groveton, August 29; and Bull Run, August 30, 1862. He also took part in the battle of Gettysburg on the first three days of July, 1863; Hagerstown, July 12–13; Manhatchee, Tennessee, October 28–29; the Chattanooga and Roseville campaign, November 23 to 27, 1863; and Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863. From April, 1864, he served in the district of Nashville, department of the Cumberland, in the districts of Atlanta and Savannah. He was appointed sergeant January 2, 1864, at Whiteside, Tennessee; was captured at Gettysburg and taken to Libby prison, but was soon transferred to Belle Isle. At City Point he was exchanged and was honorably discharged under Prince Felix Salm-Salm, at Fort Pulaski, Georgia.

While a prisoner of war on Belle Isle, Mr. Gunter became acquainted with the Confederate commandant, and cultivated his acquaintanceship,

hoping thereby to secure release from the southern prison with all its horrors, famine and uncleanliness. At that time there was an insufficient supply of greenbacks in the south and the rebel officers wished to acquire these at the expense of the government wherever they could see the opportunity to do so. The officer with whom Mr. Gunter carried on his negotiations proposed to release the sixty-three men of the one command for six hundred and thirty dollars. About this time the Confederate authorities proposed an exchange of silver for greenbacks and many of the thoughtless members of the northern army agreed to do this, thus disclosing to the enemy the fact that they possessed money. The identity of these men was noted by the rebels, and in a few days, instead of being called upon for the proper exchange, they were asked to turn over their money and were forced to do so without return. The proposition for release according to the above terms was accepted, but before the day fixed for their departure had arrived the prisoners had to listen to a speech by the president of the Confederacy, which was even then tottering on the verge of ruin. As many of the captives were Germans, he directed some of his remarks to them in an effort to show them that inasmuch as the United States had, so he affirmed, not shown an extraordinary appreciation of them as citizens, but had offered them a mild insult instead, they were rendering that government an undue service and should, upon their release from prison, lay down their arms and thereby aid the cause of the Confederacy. But these remarks touched no sympathetic cords in the hearts of the prisoners of Belle Isle, who were as determined to subjugate the rebels as to gain their liberty from the rebel prison.

When the day for departure for City Point came, the little band, hungry, ragged and dirty, walked out of the stockade and were taken by way of Richmond and Petersburg to the place of exchange, where, thirty days afterward, ten dollars for each man was paid to the agent of the Confederacy. At Annapolis, Maryland, the released heroes of the "blue" were furnished with new suits and were given a thirty-days furlough, after which they returned to their command. Mr. Gunter was but once wounded, and that at the engagement at Fairfax Court House, where he received a sword cut. He was a loyal soldier, ever found at his post of duty and his patriotic devotion to the cause of the Union entitles him to the gratitude of all true lovers of the country.

When hostilities had ceased he returned to Boonton, where he was employed as puddler in the rolling mill for twelve years. In May, 1877, he came to Bloomingdale and entered the employ of the Rubber Comb and Jewelry Company, and has been with that concern and its successor, the Butler Hard Rubber Company, since that time, covering a period of twenty-one consecutive years. His diligent application and untiring energy have

made him a most trusted employe of the house, and no higher testimonial of his faithful service could be given than the statement of his long connection with the enterprise.

Mr. Gunter was married in Newark, in St. Peter's church, in Belmont avenue, by Rev. Father Prieth, September 30, 1866, the lady of his choice being Barbara, daughter of Nicholas and Anna Maria (Sachs) Sachs, of Oberndorf, Bavaria. Her father died in his native land in 1844, and in July, 1866, his family came to America. His children were: Mrs. Gunter, who was born December 7, 1839; Joseph, who died in Newark, July 13, 1893; and Rosalea, who died in 1867. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunter have been born nine children, as follows: Joseph, deceased; George A., cashier for the Butler Hard Rubber Company, who was married to Barbara Fritz, May 30, 1892, and has three children, Ferdinand, George and Louis; Barbara M., wife of George J. Fritz, of Butler; Annie, who resides at home; Augustin, who is also with the Butler Hard Rubber Company, and was married in November, 1897, to Ida Card; Otto, deceased; Lewis, a merchant of Butler; Rosa, Mary and Cecelia.

Mr. Gunter and his family hold membership in the St. Anthony's church, Roman Catholic, and he belongs to the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He was one of the organizers of John E. Beam Post, G. A. R., and during his two-years service in the office of commander an indebtedness of six hundred dollars was lifted and a surplus was turned into the bank. He has ever taken a deep and active interest in this renewal of army relationships through the post, and is one of the most valued and esteemed members of the organization. His loyalty and worth as a man and citizen may be measured by his fidelity to the Union in the dark days when destruction threatened it.

JACOB P. STICKLE.

An honored citizen of Rockaway is Jacob P. Stickle, who was born in Pequanac township, Morris county, on the 10th of January, 1819, a son of Beaman and Phoebe (Vandervoort) Stickle. His father was a native of the same township, born in 1894; his grandfather, the late George Stickle, was also born in Morris county, August 3, 1763, when Pequanac was one of its thriving settlements, and was connected with the White Meadow forges during the early mining days The great-grandfather, Peter Stickle, was one of the early settlers of the Rockaway valley, where he carried on farming and reared a large number of children. He was of German descent, his ancestors having emigrated from the fatherland long before the American Revolution; and the father of our subject and several brothers protected their country in the war

of 1812, as minute men, acting as home guards and being subject to call at any time.

George Stickle was a Whig and a great admirer of John Quincy Adams; and in his religious belief he was a Presbyterian, holding his membership in the Presbyterian church at Rockaway. He married Sarah Beaman and had eleven children, all of whom grew up, married and had children. Peter Vandervoort, our subject's maternal grandfather, was born on a farm in Rockland county, New York, descending from an old Holland family, and married a Miss Coe, of French lineage.

Jacob Parliman Stickle spent his early childhood in a place called Beach Glen, and when seven years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Timberbrook, in the mountains, where his father owned a forge. The son attended school at that place until his thirteenth year and in his sixteenth year he came to Rockaway to learn the trade of carriage-making, in the shop of Cummings McCarthy. After serving a three-years apprenticeship he purchased the remainder of his time of his employer and started in business for himself at Lockport, New York, where he remained four years, within which time the election of James K. Polk occurred, followed by a revision of the tariff; and this affected his business so adversely that he had to discontinue it and return to Rockaway. Here he took part in the construction of the first hard-coal blast furnace in Böonton, which was completed in nine months.

In February, 1849, he went to California by the way of Cape Horn, reaching San Francisco September 17, with but fifty cents in his pocket; but he soon found employment, at carpentering, for which he received as wages twelve dollars a day. After being thus employed for a month he repaired to the mines at Jamestown and engaged in placer mining, meeting with fair success. Returning to Rockaway he engaged in the grocery trade, which he carried on until 1856, when he sold out; then he was engaged in the drug trade until 1875, and since August, 1878, he has been engaged in the insurance business.

In his political views Mr. Stickle has long been a stanch Republican; he has served on the township committee, and has been honored with a number of local offices; was postmaster for eleven years, under Presidents Lincoln, Johnson and Grant; served as a member of the common council of Rockaway borough, also as a member of the school board, and for a number of years as justice of the peace, in which office his administration of justice was acceptable. He is a member of Acacia Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., and in religion he is a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, at Dover, and Mrs. Stickle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 6th of November, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Hinchman, a daughter of Joseph and Emily (Abbott) Hinchman, who was born at Denville, Morris county, and is a representative of an old and prominent Connecticut family.

In all the relations of life Mr. Stickle's career has been characterized by fidelity to duty and by intelligence and good judgment in the execution of the responsibilities which have officially and otherwise devolved upon him.

JAMES H. BERRY.

The subject of this memoir, as a contractor and builder, was long closely connected with the material development of Madison, Morris county, New Jersey, of which place he became a resident in 1861. Some of the facts regarding his life and ancestry are herewith recorded:

James H. Berry was born at Pompton Plains, Morris county, New Jersey, June 26, 1833, his birthplace being the same as that of his father and grandfather, Henry H. Berry and Henry Berry respectively. The progenitors of the Berrys in America came to this country from England, landing here at an early day, three brothers of that name coming together. Samuel settled in New York, Martin in New Jersey, and the name and settlement of the third are unknown. From Martin is the subject of our sketch descended, Martin being the father of Henry. Henry Berry and his son, Henry H., were both prominent men in their day and place, the former serving in various local offices, for thirty years being a justice of the peace. Henry H. Berry, who was born in 1800, lived to a venerable age, his death occurring in 1881. He, too, filled many local offices of prominence and trust. He married Miss Elizabeth Mandeville, daughter of Captain James Mandeville. Captain Mandeville was an officer in the war of 1812 and was for a number of years a resident of Pompton Plains, where he died about 1840. Mrs. Elizabeth Berry died in 1868, leaving two children, namely: James H , whose name graces this sketch, and his sister, Sophronia M., who became the wife of Cornelius Jacobus, who died, and she afterward married Agustus Arford, in California in 1893.

The immediate subject of this review, James H. Berry, passed his boyhood days on his father's farm and early in life learned the trade of brick and stone mason, which he followed, as a contractor, up to the time of his death, having been a resident of Madison for nearly three decades. Within this time he erected many of the business houses and residences of Madison and adjoining towns, among which may be mentioned the Mader Block, Wagner Building, Allen Block, and residences of George Cook, Dr. Aikman, and Mr. Nickson, in Madison, and the new school and bank buildings at Summit.

All these and many others are monuments to his enterprise and skill as a builder.

Mr. Berry was in early life a Whig and "Know-Nothing," and upon the organization of the Republican party became a supporter of its principles, taking a commendable interest in all public affairs. Religiously he was a Presbyterian.

He married Miss Mary Williams, daughter of Jared Williams, of Pompton Plains, the Williams, like the Berrys, having long been residents of Morris county, there first settlement here being at Boonton.

Mr. Berry died April 3. 1898, his death being deeply deplored in the community where he had so long lived and labored to goodly ends.

JOHN L. KANOUSE.

To no one more than to Judge John L. Kanouse is credit due for the advancement made in the public schools of Morris county, and in other lines of progress also has he been an important factor, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the substantial development of this section of the state. He is a man of strong mentality, of sound judgment and keen discrimination, and, viewing broadly the needs of the public, he has advocated those interests which tend to produce the best results in the line of educational, material, social and moral improvement. He ranks among the most honored citizens of the county, and his history forms an integral part of its annals.

Judge Kanouse was born at the farmstead of his maternal grandfather, John Low, not far from his present home in Boonton, February 17, 1811, and is a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Low) Kanouse. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Kanouse (or "Knauss," as the name was originally spelled), was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and with his brother Heinrich, came to America about 1750. These two brothers, being under age, were accompanied by a half brother, son of the same mother by her first marriage, and to him was intrusted the care of their money, which, although a moderate amount, was sufficient to pay their expenses on the vessel and leave enough to give them a start in the New World. When they arrived in New York this half-brother, under some plausible excuse, but possibly in collusion with the captain, went ashore first and failed to return. They were then told their passage had not been paid, and in compliance with the then prevailing custom they would have to be sold to service to pay their expenses. Accordingly they were sold for a term of seven years each. Jacob, after serving his term, settled, prior to 1766, near Boonton; the house in which he lived is still standing, showing it was a substantial structure. He died in 1821, at an advanced age. He was twice married, and his son Abraham was

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one of four children born of the second union. The latter received such educational privileges as the schools of those days afforded, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed throughout his life. He was born in 1786 and died in 1868. His children were John L.; Rachel, who died in childhood; and Morris, who also died in early life. The mother, son and daughter all died within three weeks, in 1819, of a prevailing epidemic, leaving the Judge and his father to mourn their loss.

Judge Kanouse acquired his preliminary education in the public schools near his home, and when thirteen years of age entered the private school of Ezra Fairchild, at Succasunna Plains, where he remained for some time. When seventeen years of age he became a student in the Bloomfield Academy, at Bloomfield, Essex county, where he pursued his studies for one year. He then turned his attention to teaching, but later resumed his studies by matriculating in Union College, at Schenectady, New York, in 1830, as a member of the junior class. In July, 1832, he was graduated at that institution with the degree of A. B.; his standing in his class was "maximum" in all respects. The following year he received notice of his election as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, a literary society, and since has been honored with the degree of M. A. He has always maintained a strong feeling of interest in the welfare of this college, and has at intervals attended the yearly commencement exercises. In 1882 he was present at the fiftieth re-union of his class, when seven members met together; in June, 1892, he met, at Schenectady, one of his classmates, a clergyman from Long Island, who has since died, leaving, to the best of his knowledge, Prof. Charles E. West, of Brooklyn, and himself the sole representatives of the class of 1832. In 1895 he attended the centennial of the college, a memorable occasion, and at the commencement exercises was the oldest graduate present. While a student in Schenectady, in 1830, Mr. Kanouse witnessed the grading and building of the first regularly equipped passenger railroad in the United States. It was called the Mohawk & Hudson Railroad, and ran from Albany to Schenectady, a distance of seventeen miles.

A few years after leaving college he engaged in mercantile business, in which he continued for a period of thirty-eight years in the town where he lived.

He has always been a student of political questions, of social problems, and the needs of the country and its people, and his thorough understanding of these things have peculiarly fitted him for office. He has always been particularly interested in the cause of education, and no man in Morris county has done more for the public schools than Judge Kanouse. His sterling worth and pronounced ability led to his selection for official honors, and in 1849 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature,

and was again elected to that office in 1851. During his service in the assembly he was a member of the committee on education, and in his first term was chairman of that committee. While a member of the legislature he was active in urging the increase of the general school fund, that an increasing appropriation from its income might be given to schools, and thus prepare the way for a general school law, making all the public schools free. He certainly deserves great credit for this work, and as long as the school system of the state stands his name will be inseparably associated with its history. In 1847 he was elected to the office of superintendent of the public schools in Pequannock township, Morris county,—a township at that time in area nearly as large as Essex county. This position he filled most acceptably for sixteen years, his able administration resulting in the adoption of a much higher standard of education than had ever been maintained before. In entering upon his duties as superintendent he found a scarcity of books in most of the schools, and a great need of a better class of text-books in all. To remove this hindrance to improvement he went to the publishers of school-books and made a selection of suitable books, which he bought at publishers' wholesale prices. These books were placed in the hands of the different teachers for sale at the publishers' regular price, and this secured a ready introduction of a better class of books.

The next movement he made was upon the public sentiment in the township, by a carefully prepared report of the existing condition of school buildings, and the need of improvement in several different ways, to attract better teachers and secure more thorough instruction. This report was read by the superintendent, in the presence of four or five hundred people assembled at an annual town meeting, held in the old democratic way in the open air, and voting *viva-voce*. It was favorably received, as evidenced by a resolution unanimously passed before the close of the meeting, ordering several hundred copies of it to be printed in pamphlet form for circulation. To secure thorough instruction, the superintendent believed it necessary that teachers employed should thoroughly understand the subjects taught, and the best methods of imparting their information. He therefore, in 1853, proceeded to organize an association of the teachers in Pequannock, with monthly meetings for self-improvement in their profession as teachers. At the request of the members, the superintendent acted as their leader, which service was rendered gratuitously for one year. This movement was attended by good results, and may be considered as a forerunner of what followed fifteen years later, when, in 1867, in the general free-school law, provision was made for holding teachers' institutes periodically in different counties throughout the state.

He was elected as one of the two chosen freeholders to represent

Pequannock township in the county board of freeholders, and was chosen by the board as their director, which position he filled for three years prior to 1850. When in the legislature, in 1850, he attended a meeting of the Prison Reform Society, the object of which organization was to inspect county prisons and make suggestions of some needed practical reform. The membership of this organization consisted of leading philanthropic citizens of the state, such as the governor, the chancellor, judges of the supreme court, and also Rev. Dr. Murray, of Elizabeth, noted as a true Christian and active philanthropist. Mr. Kanouse was deeply impressed with what he heard at that meeting, and after the close of the legislature returned home and prepared a report on the condition of the prison in Morris county and the urgent necessity of reform, which was presented at the annual meeting of the board of freeholders in May, 1850. He stated that the present condition of the prison tended to harden in crime rather than to reform, and that it was thought by many a remedy would be found in substituting useful labor in place of enforced idleness. The report was accepted and approved, and action at once taken to appoint a committee to visit prisons in other states, where this experiment had been tested, and report with what success. John L. Kanouse, Henry Hilliard and William Britten were the committee. The investigation was made without delay, report submitted and approved, with the result that J. L. Kanouse, Henry Hilliard and Abraham Dunn were appointed a committee with power to proceed and erect a work-house adjoining the court-house, which was completed in the year following, and brought into use under a system of rules and regulations drafted by Mr. Kanouse, chairman of committee. This work-house was continued for a few years, when a report was made that the work system was not pecuniarily profitable and the board of freeholders by vote abolished it.

In the year 1850, owing to the growth of population in Boonton, the school became overcrowded and some were asking for a division of the district. The superintendent, who had the power to do so, hesitated, believing it would be most to the advantage of the people to remain in one district and have a free school, and, without intimating his purpose, proceeded to prepare the draft of a bill suited, as he thought, to meet the wants of the case. In November of that year he presented it for consideration at a public meeting called for that purpose and accompanied it with a statement of the advantages of a free school. The proposition and the bill as presented were favorably received, and after further consideration the bill, accompanied with a petition, was presented to the next legislature. It was passed in March, 1851, and went into effect immediately. In this year (1851) a suitable building was erected, and in July, 1852, the school was opened in it. This was the first free school opened in Morris county, and the first by fifteen years

before the general free-school law of 1867. Under this law of 1851, with a board of three trustees, the school was operated for twenty-four years,—to 1875. Owing to the rapid growth of Boonton in the eight or nine years after the close of the Civil war much of its population had spread beyond the limits of the school district established in the act of 1851, and the increased number of departments and pupils and other reasons made it advisable to have a new charter, extending the limits and vesting the control and management under a board of education consisting of seven commissioners in place of three trustees. To Mr. Kanouse (who was one of the trustees) was assigned the work of drafting a new bill providing for the necessary changes and the prospective wants of the growing district. He prepared the bill in December, 1874, and it was passed by the legislature on the 5th of April, 1875, and went into effect immediately; and under that act the school is operated now.

In the latter part of January, 1876, Judge Kanouse, while engaged in the court room, was called upon by the county superintendent of Morris county, and requested to write a history of public schools in the three townships of Morris county, Pequannock, Montville and Boonton, for an exhibit in the educational department at the Centennial exhibition to open in May at Philadelphia. The brief time for the performance of the work caused some hesitation in his promising to undertake it; he did, however, prepare it in ample time. The county superintendent had it engrossed, and it appeared in its proper place at the Centennial.

In 1881 W. W. Munsell & Company, book publishers in New York, urged Judge Kanouse to write up a history of three townships,—Pequannock, Montville and Boonton,—to be placed in a history of Morris county which they were about to publish. This was a work which, to be of use, should be reliable, and consequently required much labor and careful and thorough research in the examination of public records and documents, as well as inquiry among the oldest living inhabitants. He completed the work in 1881, and it appeared in the publication in 1882. In the closing pages of this book may be found an appendix containing an analysis of county taxation and expenditures for a period of twenty-five years. This was also prepared by Judge Kanouse, after much careful examination of county records, and may be considered as correct and reliable as a matter of reference.

In 1872 he was elected an associate judge of Morris county, and efficiently filled that office for five years. He has served in various township offices, and is at present filling the position of tax collector of Boonton township, which office he has held for a number of years. He has ever been faithful and discharged his duty with a loyalty and promptness that have known no wavering, and his service has ever won the warm commendation generally of all concerned.

In early life he gave his political support to the Whig party, casting his first presidential ballot for Henry Clay in 1832. At the formation of the Republican party in 1856 he became one of its warm advocates, and was chosen president of the first Republican club in Morris county, formed in Boonton. He has since marched under its banners, doing all in his power to advance and support its principles. During the last presidential campaign (McKinley and Bryan) his whole enthusiasm was aroused; he felt the issues at stake were vital and important, needing careful scrutiny and analysis. He studied them well and thoroughly, and on the eve of election day he made the closing speech of the campaign in the opera house at Boonton. He spoke for an hour, with force and vigor, to a large audience composed of all parties, and at the close of the meeting received the warm congratulations of the leading citizens; it was conceded by those who heard him to have been *the* speech of the campaign. As a public speaker he has ever been forceful, logical and eloquent, concentrating his thoughts and clothing his ideas in choice language. His memory for dates is remarkable, as all who listen to him as he relates incidents and facts of by-gone days can testify.

The Judge was married at Unionville, Orange county, New York, in December, 1837, to Ann S. Chandler; his children by that marriage were three daughters: Hannah E., deceased; Ann Augusta, wife of John F. Post, of Pompton, New Jersey; and Mary C., who also has passed away. The mother of these children died in June, 1847. In 1852, in Belmont, Allegany county, New York, he married Eliza Thibou; they have one daughter, Adelaide T., wife of Dr. John L. Taylor.

Judge Kanouse has long since passed the Psalmist's span of three-score years and ten, being now (1898) in his eighty-eighth year, but his is an active old age, and his life is crowned with the honors and veneration which follow an upright career.

From 1811 to near the close of 1898, Mr. Kanouse has lived through a most eventful period of our national history, and witnessed great and important changes both in political and social affairs, the contest of party for ascendancy and the strife of politicians for place and power. As the result of his observation and careful thought, he says he has come to the conclusion that true great political power is not achieved by cunning artifice and virtuous pretence, but by an upright and virtuous life; and that evidence of such is to be found in a life of practical sincerity in accordance with the living principles of moral rectitude. What those principles are, may be found plainly stated in the twelfth chapter of Matthew, in the words of Christ, "Love to God and love to fellow man." Therein he believes is the foundation of all true morality and the foundation of all true Christianity.

MISS SARAH A. LINDSLEY.

Miss Lindsley, who resides at the ancestral home of the Lindsleys in Passaic township, Morris county, is now the only living representative of the family of John Lindsley, who for many years was one of the leading farmers and citizens of this section of the state. His father, Captain John Lindsley, was one of the original settlers of the soil of this township. He was a brother of David and Silas Lindsley, whose father was John Lindsley, --the Christian name of John having been a favorite in the family. Four Lindsley brothers came to Morris county at a very early period in its development and from them are descended the representatives of the name who have formed an important part of the population of Morris county and have been active factors in its public life.

John Lindsley, the father of the lady whose name begins this review, was born in Passaic township, November 20, 1785, and died in 1853. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Tompkins, was born in 1785 and died in 1861. They reared four children. Cyrus M., the eldest, born October 6, 1807, made farming his life work and died in 1879. He was married and reared a large family, of whom three are living: Foster, of Highbridge, New Jersey; Henry P., who is living on the old homestead; and John, of Madison, New Jersey. Nancy, who was born in 1812, became the wife of David Trowbridge, and died November 14, 1885. Benjamin H., born in 1816, died September 10, 1874. He also had a family, which is represented by Mrs. Emma Brant, his daughter, who is now living in Morristown. The youngest of the family is Miss Sarah Amanda Lindsley, who was born April 7, 1819, and is now residing on the old homestead, where her birth occurred and where she has made her home throughout her entire life. This place is now her property and she has in her possession many old deeds showing that the family were land-owners at a very early day.

Her father, John Lindsley, was a Democrat in his political affiliations, held various school offices and acceptably served as justice of the peace. He was a well educated man and always took a deep interest in school affairs. He was an honorable business man, a public-spirited citizen, and his well spent life commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact. The family has long been prominent in Morris county, and this history would be incomplete without specific mention made thereof.

HENRY C. RAYNOLDS.

The subject of this sketch, whose identification with the development of various interests classes him among the leading representatives of industrial affairs in Morris county, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 22, 1865,

a son of Henry K. and Sarah M. (Case) Raynolds. His father was a native of Kingsland, Essex county, New Jersey, and his ancestors, the Kingslands, located here in 1680, being descended from an old English family that during the time of Oliver Cromwell's protectorate fled to America, settling first on the island of Barbadoes, and later in New Jersey. King Charles II, after his restoration to the British throne, gave the Kingslands a grant of land six miles square lying along the Passaic river, near Newark; and the old stone manor house, built in 1730, and occupied by the British in 1776–8 as one of the official headquarters of that army, is still in possession of the Raynolds family. H. K. Raynolds, the father, was a hardware merchant in New York, and later in Cleveland, Ohio, but in 1880 returned to New York, where in company with his brother, C. T. Raynolds, the paint manufacturer and importer of New York, he organized the Diamond Mills Paper Company for the manufacture of tissue paper, the plant of which is the most extensive of its kind in the country.

The early life of our subject was spent in attendance at the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, and at preparatory schools in Ballston Spa, New York, and Granville, Ohio, having in the latter place carried on his studies as far as the freshman work in Dennison University, when he came to Morris county, New Jersey, as a representative of the American Swedes' Iron Company, of Rockaway. This company was organized by Mr. Raynolds' father and uncle, who equipped the old Rockaway Rolling Mill by an outlay of some sixty thousand dollars, to make steel billets from ore crushed and separated by electricity on much the same principle as that now employed by Mr. Edison at his works near Lake Hopatcong. Mr. Raynolds was in charge here until 1886, when, the plant being destroyed by fire, he came to Whippany, as representative of the Diamond Mills Paper Company, and in 1893 organized "The Lake Hopatcong, Boonton, Morristown & New York Railroad Company," for the purpose of bringing all parts of Morris county and certain parts of Essex county into shorter railway communication with New York city, the plan being to connect the Erie Railroad system at Montclair with the New Jersey Central system at Rockaway and Morristown, and with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western system at Morristown, by which not only the cities of Morris county would be brought from three to ten miles nearer New York, but would secure the advantages of cheaper freight and coal rates, as well as closer interurban connection. Surveys being made by a corps of experienced engineers, options were secured by Mr. Raynolds for a double-track line, connecting the different systems. Stocks and bonds to be issued to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars were authorized by the company's charter, and these securities were offered both to the connecting railroad companies, as well as to the various capitalists in New York, but

were refused on the ground that sufficient traffic was not in sight to justify their purchase. Mr. Raynolds always had great faith in the consummation of this railroad project on the basis of its great pecuniary benefit to all citizens of Morris county by placing its towns, cities and outlying farmlands so much nearer to the metropolis, and believes that the people of the county should have subscribed the bonds and made the proposed connections. He still thinks that his plan of extension from Rockaway, Boonton and Morristown to a common point at the proposed tunnel through the Orange mountains at Montclair will eventually be carried out, the tunnel and much of the grading between Montclair and Caldwell being already well under way.

In 1895 he organized the Eden Mills Paper Company, which purchased the Eden Tissue Mills at Whippany, for the manufacture of carbon, cigarette, grass-bleached and celluloid tissues. This plant he improved at an outlay of fifty thousand dollars, adding new machinery throughout, besides a new steam plant, together with other improved equipments, as well as additions of brick and stone buildings. The water power of the mill, dam and races were also improved; and in place of the old-time method of carting four miles to Morristown, connection was made by switches with the Whippany River Railroad. By such improvements the plant is now able to take its rank among the best in the country, both for economy in handling its crude material and perfection in its production of the higher grade of tissues, and, on account of the superior and abundant spring water of these mills, will always claim a preference in the production of these papers.

In 1893 Mr. Raynolds organized the Whiponong Hall and Library Association,—a sketch of whose building is herewith presented.

WHIPONONG HALL.

This association was organized for the development of educational and moral interests in Hanover township, and some five thousand dollars was raised for the purpose, and a fine public library was established, known as the Mrs. J. W. Roberts Memorial, with which is connected a reading-room open daily. This association has decided to cancel its capital stock and place its property and interests in the hands of a board of trustees, composed

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of Hon. W. C. Bates, W. W. Cook and Mr. Raynolds, under whose direction a still wider field of usefulness is contemplated.

In 1888 Mr. Raynolds was married to Miss Marietta B. Allen, a native of Mendham, New Jersey, and a daughter of James and Sarah J. (Smith) Allen. In his political views Mr. Raynolds is a Republican, and has been honored with several local offices, having served one term as township committeeman, and two terms as township clerk of Rockaway. Both Mr. Raynolds and his wife attended the Presbyterian church at Whippany, of which he has served as trustee and also as treasurer. He has also, during his residence in Morris county, opened a reading room and established a street lighting system for Rockaway, and was the original projector of the Morristown-Whippany macadam road, which was among the first of this class of roads to be built in Morris county. He is also a firm believer in the development of Hanover township as a suburb of New York, lying as it does (by the way of the above mentioned railroad tunnel) from twenty to twenty-five miles from that city, and is in fact active and zealous in all matters pertaining to the best development of the community.

CHARLES F. HOPKINS.

This well known citizen of Boonton was born in the village of Hope, Warren county, New Jersey, on the 16th of May, 1842. His ancestors were of the Mayflower stock, a long and honorable line that reaches back to 1554, in Coventry, England. The representatives of the name were famed for military and naval service. The first admiral of the American navy was of the line of Hopkins, as was the English admiral who had command of the British squadron at the Columbian naval parade in New York harbor, in 1892. They were also strong men intellectually, and combative and fearless in defense of rights and principles. Stephen Hopkins, the fourteenth signer of the Mayflower compact, in 1620, was an ancestor in direct line of three brothers who flourished one hundred and fifty years later. These were Stephen Hopkins, a lawyer, who settled in Rhode Island and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; Francis, an Episcopalian clergyman, who settled in Hunterdon county, near what is now Highbridge, New Jersey; and Jonathan Hopkins, a farmer, who located in northern New Jersey in a section then embraced in Hunterdon county, later Sussex, but afterward divided and known as the township of Parhaquarry, in Warren county. It is from this branch of the family that Charles F. Hopkins is descended.

Jonathan Hopkins had a son, Nathan, who married Esther Dryal or Driel, and they had two children, Esther and Driel, the latter born November 29, 1780. They were orphaned at an early age and left to the guardian-

ship of Captain Doddy. A considerable estate was left to them, including the fine farming land lying between Hope and Belvidere, New Jersey. On both sides they were of English and Scotch descent, and were Methodists in religious belief. They were carefully educated by their guardian, and after arriving at years of maturity Esther married a Mr. Schooley, but had no children. Driel became the grandfather of the subject of this review. He was an iron dealer and contractor of Warren county, New Jersey, where he owned and operated a large tract of land and was recognized as a very progressive and energetic business man. During the war of 1812 he furnished the government with large numbers of cattle. He was also an extensive dealer in iron and had in Philadelphia large business interests. There were no telegraphs in those days, and the sudden termination of the war left him with a large number of cattle on hand which he was forced to dispose of at considerable loss. He then went to New York where he successfully conducted a hotel and also imported goods. He was noted for his generosity, strong intellect and warm friendships; was a man of fine physique, six feet tall and well proportioned, with an exceptionally fine carriage, and he had an excellent education, was well informed on all matters of general interest and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him in business or socially.

Driel Hopkins married Sarah Danley, a daughter of James Danley. She was born near Vienna, Warren county, New Jersey, December 10, 1785, and her marriage was celebrated November 10, 1800. Although only fifteen years of age at the time, she was well developed, tall and of fine presence with prepossessing womanly attainments. Her mother was at one time baking pies in an old Dutch oven which stood out of doors, when General Washington and his staff rode by. All pies that required filling, such as pumpkin, custard, etc., were filled by using a long-handled wooden ladle, made of one piece of wood,—from the bowl of which the filling was poured into the crust, —which was previously placed in the oven. Washington requested the privilege of filling some of the pies, and when they were baked he and his staff feasted thereon. The old wooden ladle which he used is now in possession of the subject of this sketch.

Driel and Sarah Hopkins became the parents of nine children: Juliet L., born August 7, 1801; the second died in infancy unnamed; Jonathan, who was born December 14, 1803, married and located in Wisconsin, where he reared a family of seven children; James was born December 14, 1805; Caroline was born June 22, 1807; Anderson was born December 14, 1808; Amanda, born March 11, 1810; Nathan, father of our subject, was born February 22, 1811; and Harrison was born March 1, 1815. The mother of this family died May 11, 1821, and Driel Hopkins was married in 1824 to Mary Straley. They made their home in Vienna, New Jersey, and became

the parents of five children: Esther, born December 26, 1826; Huldah, who was born in 1829; Elizabeth, born in 1831; Mary Jane, born November 3, 1836; and Sorama, who died in infancy. The father of this family lived to be four-score years of age,—a consistent Christian gentleman who was highly respected by his neighbors and friends.

Nathan Hopkins, who was born in Succasunna, February 22, 1811, learned the trade of harness-making and followed it for sixty-four years, including a five-years apprenticeship, and always worked on the same bench on which his employer had learned his trade, and which had been used by him for fifty-nine years. In addition to harness-making Mr. Hopkins engaged in hotel-keeping for eight years and was also proprietor of a store for seven years. For many years he resided in Hope, New Jersey, whence he removed to Drakesville, now Ledgewood, in 1848. In 1856 he went to Powerville, Morris county, and in 1861 to Succasunna, where he died within a few yards of his birthplace, November 13, 1889, his remains being interred in the churchyard there. He was a man of strong convictions, and one of his marked characteristics was his loyalty to his friends. He was a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and a Whig in politics until 1856, when he became an ardent Republican, continuing his allegiance to the latter party until his death. He was also a strong anti-slavery man, and his home was a station on the famous "underground railroad," whereby many slaves were conducted on their way to freedom. In his business dealings he was successful and acquired quite a handsome property at Hope, New Jersey. He attended very strictly to business, never being away from his shop a week at any one time, and never more than a few weeks, all told, throughout his business career.

On the 1st of June, 1834, Nathan Hopkins married Ann Wilson. Her great-grandparents were Robert and Betsy Blair. The former was probably a native of this state, and resided in the vicinity of Blairstown. By his marriage he had four children, among whom was Robert Blair, Jr., who married Betsy Glassiner. By this marriage there were also four children born: James, Peter, Mary and Daniel. Mary became the wife of John Wilson, and they settled in what is now Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. John Wilson was a son of Peter and Mary Wilson, representatives of good families of the Keystone state. Unto John and Mary (Blair) Wilson were born thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, Sallie, Ann, Katie, James, Peter, Sarah Maria, Robert, Rebecca, John Blair, Margaret, Serenda and Andrew. The mother of these children died when about fifty years of age, the father at the age of eighty-one. Ann, their third child, was the mother of the subject of this sketch. She was a model Christian woman, held membership with the Methodist church and was beloved by all who knew

her. She was generous and benevolent and a leader in all good work, had a certainly motherly tenderness for those who lacked the comforts of a home, and often won by gentleness where others failed by harsh measures. Unto Nathan and Ann Hopkins were born six children: William Emmett, who was born June 27, 1835, in Hope, New Jersey, wedded Mary A. Riley, and died in Boonton August 11, 1898; Sarah Rebecca, born in Hope, December 9, 1836, became the wife of Edward Riley, of Dover, New Jersey, and died in Dover, July 30, 1881; Abigail Gertrude, born in Hope, September 2, 1838, is the wife of William Riley, of Dickinson, Michigan; Caleb Swayze, born in Hope, June 22, 1840, died November 26, 1841; Charles Ferren is the next of the family; John Robertson, who was born in Hope, November 2, 1844, died in Boonton, October 22, 1885. Nathan Hopkins was again married, in 1856, his second union being with Mrs. Ellen King, widow of James King. Their children were Elvie, who was born at Powerville, New Jersey, May 6, 1857, and died in Succasunna, March 27, 1873; Ella, who was born in Boonton, May 18, 1859, and died in Succasunna, in May, 1876; Elmer Ellsworth, who was born in Succasunna, January 15, 1861, and married Hattie Reeves, their home being in Succasunna; and Winfield Scott, who was born in Succasunna, September 18, 1863. He married Aura Martin, and died in Boonton, November 13, 1893. The father of this family, Nathan Hopkins, was married again in 1876 or 1877 to Mrs. Mary Hill, a widow. No children.

Charles Ferren Hopkins, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the country and for seven years attended the country schools for about four months each year. When twelve years of age he began learning the trade of harness-making under the direction of his father, and later completed his apprenticeship in a large harness-manufacturing establishment of Newark. He began business on his own account in Boonton, in 1860, and has since carried on operations there with the exception of the period which he passed in the service of his country. He has secured a liberal patronage by reason of his excellent workmanship and well directed efforts, his enterprise and his earnest desire to please his patrons.

On the 3d of May, 1861, Mr. Hopkins donned the blue as a defender of the Union, and was the first man in Morris county to enlist for three years. He was mustered in at Trenton, New Jersey, June 4, 1861, as a member of Company I, First New Jersey Volunteers, which regiment was assigned to the famous Kearney's New Jersey brigade. He was in the first Bull Run campaign, the peninsular campaign, and in the battle of Gaine's Mills, Virginia, June 27, 1862, carried Sergeant Richard A. Donnelly, now quartermaster-general of New Jersey, from the field under a terrible cross-fire. Mr. Hopkins had already been wounded twice, and was again badly wounded in the head after leaving

Donnelly in a supposedly safe place. Later, however, both he and the sergeant were taken prisoner, and Mr. Hopkins was reported among the dead. For his act of bravery in caring for his companion he was awarded the congressional medal of honor. He was not held a captive by the Confederates, and on account of his wound was sent to a Union hospital. As soon as possible he rejoined his regiment and at the battle of the Wilderness was again badly wounded and taken prisoner, only three days before the expiration of his term of his enlistment. For over ten months he was incarcerated, part of the time in Andersonville, Georgia, and the remainder in Florence, South Carolina, and while a captive endured the hardships common to all whose misfortune it was to be confined in those prisons. He was honorably discharged at Trenton, New Jersey, April 21, 1865, and with a military record of which he may well be proud returned to his home and the pursuits of civil life. In 1898 he was commissioned by acting-Governor Voorhees, of New Jersey, to erect a monument at Andersonville, Georgia, in commemoration of the New Jersey soldiers who died there.

Mr. Hopkins was married in Boonton, January 8, 1867, to Miss Hetty Ann Van Duyne, a daughter of Abraham B. and Caroline (Mowerson) Van Duyne. She was born February 27, 1847, and on the paternal side is descended from the Van Duyne and Husk families, while on the maternal side she is descended from the Mowerson and Van Horn families,—on both sides a long line of honest and respectable lineage of Dutch origin, and connected with the old Dutch Reformed church until within the last half century, when the Mowersons became Seceders. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are the parents of nine children: Alfaretta, born March 16, 1868; Frank Fern, who was born August 20, 1870, and died September 11, 1880; Lena Rebecca, born March 18, 1872; Carrie, born January 20, 1874; Ella May, born May 1, 1876; Lizzie, who was born July 22, 1878, and died December 1, 1878; Emmett, born December 24, 1880; Charles, born January 24, 1884; and Frank Morrison, born March 1, 1887,—all natives of Boonton.

Mr. Hopkins is recognized as a very prominent and influential citizen of Boonton, and has been active in public and political affairs. He served as town committeeman from 1868 until 1873, was a member of the board of freeholders from 1871 until 1874; elected mayor in 1880; again filled the office of freeholder from 1881 until 1884, when he resigned. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms of the New Jersey senate from 1882 until 1884, when he also resigned from that office, for in that year he was appointed postmaster of Boonton. He served for a four-years term, and in 1892 was again appointed to that office, serving until 1895, when he was removed as a partisan. He was elected to the assembly of New Jersey in 1896 and 1897. In 1898 he was unanimously elected clerk of the New Jersey assembly, and

served with distinction through the term, gaining many compliments for his work from the members. At the pre-ent time he is chief of the Boonton fire department. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and is unwavering in his allegiance thereto. He cast his first vote for its candidates and has always labored to advance its best interests.

Mr. Hopkins is an active man in all affairs that pertain to the welfare of his town and never shirks a duty that devolves upon a good citizen. He has been a Grand Army man since the formation of the order and is active in its support. He has many times served as post commander, and is now occupying that position in John Hill Post, No. 86, G. A. R. He has also been a department officer, is a member of the New Jersey ex-Prisoners of War, and is always found in attendance at the re-unions of the veterans of the Civil war held in New Jersey. He is a man of genial manner, kindly disposition and courteous deportment, holds friendship inviolable, is generous and benevolent and quick to forgive. Whether on the field of battle, in public office or in the walks of private life he is the same loyal citizen, having the best interests of his country and of humanity at heart.

ELLIS G. MYERS.

Of the public-spirited citizens of Boonton, among the most prominent is Mr. Myers, who has been identified with the interests of the place for a number of years. This is his native city, as he was born here November 26, 1855, a son of John and Sarah A. (Whitehead) Myers. His father was born in New York city May 5, 1833, and in 1854 came to Boonton and put in the plumbing, etc., for the Boonton Iron Works, also taking charge of the water-works department of that concern and remaining thus employed until his death, which occurred in 1879. His wife is still living. Of their four children, three are living: Ellis G. is the subject of this sketch; George E. is a section foreman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad; and John W. is a clerk in a hardware store at Boonton, and is a member of the Boonton Lumber Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Harry J. is the name of the deceased son.

Ellis G. Myers was educated in the public and private schools of Boonton, supplementing his studies by a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Newark. He subsequently learned the plumbing trade, became a journeyman at that trade and after the death of his father succeeded him in his position at the Boonton Iron Works, being later promoted to the position of agent for the general manager, General John S. Shultze. He continued in that position until about 1877, when he was appointed general superintendent

of the estate of J. Cooper Lord, which situation he has held for the past twenty years.

Mr. Myers is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and takes an active interest in political matters. For six years he has served as a member of the township committee, and for one term as a member of the school board. In May, 1888, he was elected mayor of the city of Boonton. After serving one term in this office he was re-elected by a substantial majority. During his incumbency he did much to advance the material good of the city, and did much toward passing an ordinance to pave and curb Main street, and also a great deal to have introduced the electric-light service. In 1894 he was again elected, and during this term as mayor he was influential in advocating the public water-supply system, which had been introduced by his predecessor, C. A. Norris. In 1895 he was still again elected, by the unanimous support of both political parties. He is one of the organizers of the Boonton Board of Trade, assisted in establishing the board of fire wardens, of which he was the first foreman, and has served as a representative to the Firemen's Relief Association since its organization to the present time. Since 1895 he has been extensively engaged in the coal business.

In society matters, Mr. Myers is a popular member of Arcania Lodge, No. 60, Free and Accepted Masons, is president of the Boonton branch of the Iron Hall, a dictator in the lodge of the Knights of Honor and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

October 14, 1880, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Fannie M. Beddow, born November 15, 1860, a daughter of Thomas and Fannie (Milner) Beddow, both of whom were natives of England. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have had four children—Olivia, J. Ellis, Carrie and Sarah.

Mrs. Myers and her daughter Olivia are consistent members of St. John's church, Protestant Episcopal, of Boonton, in which they are energetic workers, and of which Mr. Myers has been vestryman for a number of years.

MELVILLE VAN HORN.

For twenty-two years Mr. Van Horn has served as station agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, being stationed at Netcong. He is one of the most trusted and faithful employes of the road, —a fact which is plainly indicated by his long connection with the corporation. He is descended from one of the old families of New Jersey, his great-grandfather, a native of Holland, having crossed the Atlantic and founded the family near Hoboken, this state. George Van Horn, the grandfather of our subject, spent his life as a farmer near Johnsonburg, Warren county, New Jersey, and married a Miss Howell, by whom he had five children:

William, Isaac, David G., Abram S. and George. The grandfather was an extensive land-owner, and was a patriotic citizen, who loyally defended his country against Great Britain in the war of 1812.

David Van Horn, father of our subject, was born in 1816 and died in 1882, at the age of sixty-six years. He was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Young, a daughter of Silas Young, and her death occurred in the year 1867. Her children were George, a resident of Jersey City, where he is engaged in the practice of law; Melville; Marcella, wife of R. T. Johnson, of Newton, New Jersey; and Silas Y., who makes his home in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Reared in the vicinity of Johnsonburg and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, Melville Van Horn entered upon his business career in 1874, as a partner of E. M. Wildrick, of Marksboro, New Jersey, establishing a general store, which they conducted for two years. Mr. Van Horn was then alone in business for a year, after which he removed to Stanhope, where he carried on general merchandising for three years. In 1875 he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company as assistant to T. F. Grandon, agent at Stanhope Station, and on the 1st of March of the second year—only one year and eleven months after becoming an employe of the company—he was appointed agent, and is now serving in his twenty-second year in that capacity. He is a man of unquestioned reliability, honor and worth and has the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. His genial manner and readiness to accommodate the patrons of the road have made him one of the most popular officials along the entire line.

Mr. Van Horn was married in December, 1866, to Miss Sarah E. Harris, daughter of Cummins O. Harris. She died November 18, 1879, and in January, 1883, Mr. Van Horn was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth Sutton, a daughter of Robert Simpson, of McAfee, New Jersey. His children are Etta M. and Harris M., both born of the first marriage. Mr. Van Horn is a quite prominent Mason, holding membership in Muscanetcong Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Baldwin Chapter, R. A. M., of Newton, and De Molay Commandery, K. T., at Washington. He also belongs to Netcong Council, No. 1357, Royal Arcanum.

DR. HENRY C. WIGGINS.

Dr. Wiggins is ranked with the prominent and influential business men of Succasunna, New Jersey. A *résumé* of his life gives the following facts:

Henry C. Wiggins was born in Luxemburg, now Port Oram, New Jersey, June 13, 1844, and is a representative of a family long resident of this

country. His father, William F. Wiggins, was a native of Mount Hope, New Jersey, and was a man of great activity and usefulness. For many years he was interested in mining. He opened the Richards mines at Port Oram, was foreman of mines for years, and also was superintendent of the forge and rolling mills at Dover. He died in Succasunna, New Jersey, in 1892, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. His father, David Wiggins, lived to be eighty-four, his death occurring in 1869, in Rockaway township, Morris county, New Jersey, where his whole life was passed. David Wiggins and wife (*née* Guard) had a family of children as follows: Lewis, William F., Jonathan, David, Daniel, and Sallie and Rachel—the former the wife of Alexander Norris, and the latter the wife of Abram Shawger. William F. Wiggins married Susan H. Dughty.. Her death occurred in 1880. Of their children we record that Albert D. was drowned in the Cumberland river during the Civil war, while crossing with his command; Euphemia, deceased, was the wife of William H. Mase; Sarah Louise, of Succasunna; Dr. Henry C., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Mattie D., wife of W. E. Coursen, of Succasunna.

When he was eleven years of age Henry C. moved with his parents to Dover, and there he attended the public schools until he was sixteen. At this age he became a clerk in his father's store, learned thoroughly the duties of a successful salesman, and spent two years behind the counter of his father's store. After this he clerked one year for U. H. Struble, a merchant of Stanhope, and at the end of that time formed a partnership with John M. Knight, and engaged in business there, conducting the same successfully for three years. About this time he decided to study medicine, and on disposing of his interest in the store began reading medicine in the office of Dr. Hedges, and there prepared himself for college. Following this he was four years a student in the Albany Medical College, Albany, New York, graduating in 1874. Immediately after securing his diploma he located at Succasunna and entered upon the practice of his profession, to which he gave his undivided attention for a period of sixteen years, meeting with excellent success in his practice. While thus closely occupied he was overtaken with ailments which impaired his constitution to such an extent that an abandonment of his profession became necessary to the preservation of his life. The next six years he was out of business and in that time partially recovered. Then, feeling physically able to carry on a business that could be conducted with regular hours, he purchased the stock of goods of Josiah Meeker, in 1896, and has since been having a prosperous trade.

The Doctor is a man of family. He was married in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1872, to Belle M. Northrup, daughter of Moses Northrup, and their happy union has been blessed by the following

named children: Albert M., Irene N., Florence L. and William Harold. Their eldest son, Albert M., has been associated in business with Austin Nicholas, of New York, but is now associated with his father at Succasunna.

Dr. Wiggins and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. He has long been interested in educational matters, for nine years has been a member of the board of education, and at this writing is clerk of the board. He has been operating the sand quarries near Flanders for the past twenty-five years, and has shipped hundreds of thousands of tons throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. He is president of the board of trade at Succasunna, being the first elected to that office.

WILLIAM S. NAUGHRIGHT.

This prominent citizen of Middle Valley is a man of well-rounded character, whose mental, social, moral and business nature have been fully developed. He is a citizen of public spirit, a man of sterling purpose and indefatigable energy in business, an advocate of the best intellectual progress, and a Christian gentleman whose life conforms to the precepts that had their origin in Palestine almost twenty centuries ago.

Morris county numbers Mr. Naughright among its native sons, his birth having occurred in Washington township. His father, William Naughright, Sr., was a carriage-maker in the village which bears his name, and married Anna, daughter of Andrew Wack, and of their children the following are yet living: Sarah, wife of Amos Seal, of Highbridge; William S., Andrew W., Jacob K. and Elijah D. Our subject spent his boyhood in Naughright, and for his education had access only to the common schools. At thirteen years of age he entered upon a mercantile experience as a clerk in the employ of L. Hager & Son, of German Valley, and continued with that firm for five years. During that time he spent much of his leisure in study, reciting his lessons in the evenings to his former teacher, James S. Taylor, and on leaving the firm of L. Hager & Son he spent one year in the school-room as a student. This fitted him for educational work, and he secured the position of teacher in the Six Side school-house in the valley. For two years thereafter he followed that profession, and then, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company E, Thirty-first New Jersey Infantry, with which command he spent one year in Virginia, participating in the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville campaigns.

On reaching the north in 1863 Mr. Naughright resumed his place at the teacher's desk, where he remained for five years, winning an excellent reputation as an educator by reason of his ability to impart clearly and accurately to others the knowledge he had acquired. In 1868 he turned his attention

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to merchandising once more, and in that line was connected with Elias M. Bartles and his successor, Jacob W. Welsh, for eight years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his interest in the store, and for a short time had no business connections, but later he repurchased an interest in the mercantile establishment, carrying on operations in that line until 1880, when he retired permanently from that field of endeavor. Later he became interested in the creamery business, and has been the organizer and promoter of various creameries, whereby the milk supply of Morris county is taken to the city markets. Since 1881 he has operated along the line of the Central Railroad in New Jersey, with New York for a market, and in addition thereto is now operating north and west of Reading on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, with Philadelphia as a market, and on the Western Maryland Railroad with Baltimore as a market. This enterprise has also proved not only a profitable one to its originator but has also materially advanced the prosperity of the county, the creameries utilizing the large products of the extensive dairy farms made possible by the excellent pasture lands in this section of the state. Mr. Naughright has developed a very large business, which is constantly growing in volume and importance. The dairy interests on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad are destined to cover the entire line and have been the means of revolutionizing the milk business in Philadelphia. Through the investigation of our subject it was ascertained that the former system of supplying the city with milk brought the product into Philadelphia about 9 o'clock in the morning, and thus it was held over for delivery until the following day. Under the management of Mr. Naughright, however, it is shipped into the city at night in refrigerator cars, and is thus ready for the earliest delivery. For twelve years he has given his entire attention to the milk business, and always uses the most advanced and improved methods in handling and shipping the products of the dairy. His sales have become very extensive, and he realizes therefrom a handsome income, which is the crowning reward of well directed labor.

Mr. Naughright was married in 1879 to Miss Mary E. Linnell, a daughter of R. Linnell, of Granville, Ohio, and their children are Lena, Belle, Stanley and Grace. Theirs is a pleasant and hospitable home and the members of the family have high standing in social circles. They attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Naughright is an active and useful member. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. A recognized leader in the ranks of the Democracy, he has been called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who have thus given evidence of their appreciation of his worth and ability. In 1889 he was elected to the assembly, and so ably and faithfully did he discharge his legislative duties that he was re-elected in 1890. During both terms he was chairman of the committee

on education, the state board of education requesting his appointment the second term, a fact which indicates his effective service in the interest of the schools. For years he has been an active and influential friend of education, and has done much to render the public-school system of New Jersey more efficient. The future of the country, the perpetuity of her institutions, as every intelligent and patriotic American citizen knows, depends upon the wise and careful training of the children, and hence he has shown in educational matters a comprehensive, patriotic and influential interest. In 1891-2 he was journal clerk of the house of representatives, and in 1893 was the reading clerk of that body. In every walk of life he is true to the duties that devolve upon him, and on all occasions has shown himself worthy of the high confidence reposed in him by his friends and fellow citizens.

WILLIAM H. YOUNGS.

Mr. Youngs was born in the village of Succasunna, in which he is now a very prominent business man, in September, 1851. His grandfather, David Youngs, was a farmer of Sussex county, and the father of our subject, Richard H. Youngs, was born in this state, and in his early life followed farming and teaming alternately. He gave his political support to the Republican party and for years acceptably filled the office of constable of Roxbury township. He married Catherine McPeak, whose father was well known in Sussex county, being accounted one of its successful and leading agriculturists. Richards H. Youngs died in 1879, and his wife passed away in April, 1897. They were the parents of three children: Electa, wife of Thomas Sharp, of Newark; William H., subject of this review; and Clarence E., of Newark.

William H. Youngs was sparingly educated in Succasunna, his school days ending in his fourteenth year, when he began clerking in the store of Josiah Meeker, of this village. For eight years and seven months he remained with that gentleman as a most trusted employe and for seven years of the time also served as assistant postmaster. On leaving his native town he went to Dover, where he secured a situation as bookkeeper with the firm of Whitlock & Lewis, with whom he remained for seventeen months, when he returned to Succasunna and engaged in the butchering business until 1882. In that year he made preparation to engage in business as a plumber and steam fitter, and although he had not been trained in either line he opened a shop and with the confidence of an expert attacked everything that came to him to be made or mended. He succeeded in turning out first-class work, and as a result he soon earned the confidence of his patrons and secured a liberal patronage. His store is now one of the most popular business houses of

the village, and his genuine worth and genial disposition have made him very popular with all classes. He has that indefatigable energy and untiring perseverance which will carry a man over all obstacles to success; and it is this which has enabled him to work his way steadily upward to a foremost place in the ranks of the prosperous merchants in his part of the country.

Mr. Youngs was married November 22, 1882, to Miss Cordelia Rush, and to them were born two children, W. Rush, at home, and one who is now deceased. Mr. Youngs is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge in Succasunna, while in the Masonic lodge of Dover he is a valued member. He has followed in the political footsteps of his father and votes the Republican ticket. He was elected tax collector of Roxbury township in 1894 by a good majority and again in 1897 by a still larger majority, and this in a township which usually gives a Democratic majority of about fifty. His second term expires in 1900. Every duty devolving upon him is faithfully performed; and whether in business, political or social life he has the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

ROBERT C. SHAW.

This well known citizen of Succasunna was born near Johnsonburg, Warren county, New Jersey, on the 19th of March, 1840. His grandfather, Robert C. Shaw, located on a farm on the turnpike between Newton and Belvidere, New Jersey, and was a thrifty, enterprising agriculturist,—a man whose worth made him a leader in public affairs. He married for his first wife a Miss Johnson and for his second a Miss Chandler. His six children were George, Watson, John, Job J. and two daughters,—Rebecca, who married a Mr. Beemer, and Sarah, who became the wife of George H. Ayres.

Job J. Shaw, father of our subject, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1814, and died in Warren county, in 1894, having attained the eightieth milestone of life's journey. He was one of four brothers who resided near Johnsonburg, all successful men who owned large farms on the turnpike berween Newton and Belvidere,—farms which far surpassed the average farms of the neighborhood in their excellent improvements, substantial buildings, modern conveniences and neat and thrifty appearance, the Shaw neighborhood being very conspicuous on this account. Job J. Shaw married Miss Sarah A. Mott, a daughter of Colonel George Mott, and she died during the infancy of our subject, their only child. He afterward married her sister, Caroline Mott, and to them were born four sons: George M. and Charles, who are residents of Trenton, New Jersey; Frank W., of Asbury, New Jersey; and Job J., of Stanhope, New Jersey.

Robert C. Shaw spent his childhood and youth on his father's farm, and

in the district school he acquired his elementary education, which was supplemented by study in the Styles private school in Deckertown, and in the Chester Institute. At the age of eighteen he left school to take up the practical duties of business life and began farming near Succasunna. In 1861 he became connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in their Jersey City ticket office, where he remained three years. He then entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, and was stationed there three years in Dover and thirteen years in Succasunna. He retired from the railroad service in 1882, since which time he has been variously employed.

On the 2d of September, 1857, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Lippincott, a daughter of Rev. C. A. and Elizabeth (Corwin) Lippincott. Her father was an itinerant minister of the Methodist church for forty-one years and was once a resident of Succasunna, where he owned the "four corners" and made his home in the historic old residence which is now the comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. Rev. C. A. Lippincott was a man of great force and magnetism and enjoyed the distinction of filling many of the best pulpits of the state. He officiated for four years as presiding elder. He married for his second wife a Miss Mary L. Mann, a distinguished educator and the daughter of Jacob Mann, the editor of the first paper, the True American, published at Trenton, New Jersey. The children of Rev. C. A. Lippincott were Mrs. Shaw; Mrs. Mary H. Stephens, of Morristown; Carrie L., wife of M. T. Kink, of Petersburg, Virginia; and William M., deceased. Mrs. Shaw was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and is the mother of one child, Carrie L., now the widow of John B. Smith. Mrs. Smith also has a daughter, Madaline F. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw hold membership in the Methodist church, taking an active interest in its work, and throughout the community in which they make their home they command the respect of all, sharing in their confidence and good will.

HENRY BEACH.

For many years Henry Beach, now deceased, was connected with the agricultural interests of Montville township, Morris county, and was a man of splendid business ability, positive character and sterling worth, whose commendable life won him the regard of all with whom he came in contact. He was born in New York city, December 29, 1800, and was a son of Daniel and Abbie Beach, of Scotch ancestry. He acquired his education in the schools of his native city and when a young man engaged in mercantile pursuits. He joined Mr. Updyke and Mr. Toulain, who owned mercantile establishments both in New York and New Orleans, and of the latter Mr. Beach

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had charge for sixteen years, managing its interests with marked ability and fidelity.

On the 20th of November, 1838, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Louisa, daughter of Ezekiel and Phœbe (Kitchell) Gaines. They began their domestic life on the homestead farm in Montville township, and there Mr. Beach carried on agricultural pursuits until 1852, when he went to California, spending two years on the Pacific slope during that period when mining excitement was at its height with its attendant dangers, hardships, anxieties and pleasures. In 1854 he returned to the east and again took up his residence on his farm in Montville township, Morris county, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death. He built the residence which is now the home of his children and made many other improvements on the property.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach were the parents of five daughters and two sons: Adelaide, who is residing with her mother on the old homestead; Antoinette, wife of Archibald DeWitt, of Morristown; Isabella Ewen; Julia Ely; Laura Augusta, who died April 9, 1874; George, who married Martha Christopher, and died March 22, 1892, leaving one child, Edwin Ely; Walter Gaines, who married Caroline Magie and died July 14, 1866, leaving two sons, Walter Herbert and Henry Magie.

In his political convictions Mr. Beach was a Democrat and took an active interest in the growth and success of his party, but would never consent to become a candidate for office. He held a membership connection with the Masonic fraternity and his life was in harmony with the teachings of that benevolent order. In all his business relations he was strictly honorable and commanded the confidence and respect of those whom he met. He passed away June 7, 1865, and the community mourned the loss of one of its best citizens. His faithful wife, who was born April 5, 1816, long survived him and reached the ripe old age of eighty-one years, her death occurring on the 22d of January, 1898.

DAVID C. BEATTY.

Mr. Beatty is one of the extensive land-owners of Morris county, his realty holdings aggregating four hundred and fifty-six acres. His early years were passed upon a farm and it is largely through agricultural pursuits that he has gained such an enviable financial standing. His homestead comprises one hundred and eighty-seven acres of rich land, and the well tilled fields, divided by good fences, the substantial buildings and many improvements all indicate the progressive and practical spirit of the owner whose unaided efforts have brought him a well earned success.

Born in Warren county, New Jersey, on the 19th of January, 1841, our subject is a son of Jacob Beatty and a grandson of John Beatty. The latter was also born in Warren county, and residing there among its early settlers he worked as a laborer. Jacob Beatty was born in Warren county in 1803 and in early life was a boatman on the Morris & Essex canal. Later he carried on business as a huckster and subsequently engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1855. He married Catherine Hill, daughter of James Hill, a Scotchman. She died in 1883, at the age of eighty-four years. Her children were David C. and Jacob H., the latter a mason and contractor and the present mayor of Hackettstown, New Jersey. Fraternally he is a Freemason.

When thirteen years of age David C. Beatty took up the duties of business life as a farm hand, working through the first season for five dollars per month. He continued to serve in that capacity until eighteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of a Mr. Seguine, near Little Washington, New Jersey. He followed his trade as a journeyman for nineteen years and then, in 1876, purchased the farm upon which he now resides. He has been very successful in the management of his farm, adding continually to his capital, and from time to time making judicious investments in real estate.

On the 6th of February, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beatty and Miss Margaret, daughter of Philip and Euphemia (Pitenger) Hence. Her parents had eight children, four of whom are living: Mrs. Beatty; Mrs. Wesley Apgar; John R., of Morristown; and James M., who is living in Rockaway, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty have one son, George McClellan, who was born October 2, 1869, and was educated in LaFayette College, of Easton, Pennsylvania, where he fitted himself for civil engineering. He is now employed by the Crane Iron Company, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Beatty is a Democrat in his political affiliations. He and his son are members of the Masonic fraternity. Honorable in business, true to his duties of citizenship, Mr. Beatty during his long residence in Chester township has gained many friends.

STEPHEN H. WORTMAN.

Stephen H. Wortman, a well known resident of Chester township, is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres, the greater part of which is embraced within an extensive peach orchard; and in the propagation of this fruit he finds a profitable source of income. He belongs

to one of the old families long connected with the farming interests of this section of New Jersey.

He was born in Morris county, on what is now the Emmons homestead, August 23, 1827, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Mesler) Wortman. His father was born on the same farm, January 15, 1794, and, obtaining a fair education for that day, taught school in his early life, and in this way came in touch with the public and laid the foundation for a career on the auctioneer's block. He was gifted with a fluent and withal an attractive speech, and this, coupled with originality and genius in the vocation, made him one of the most celebrated auctioneers in this part of the state. He devoted his last years to agricultural pursuits, in which also he was successful. He filled many offices, in both Washington and Chester townships, and his fidelity and promptness in the discharge of his official duties made him a valuable citizen. In his political views he was a Democrat, and in his church associations was a Congregationalist.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject, on the maternal side, was James Mesler, who was born in Chester township, Morris county; his wife's Christian name was Jane. Their son Jacob had a son, also named Jacob, whose wife was named Frances. The brothers and sisters of Jacob Mesler, last mentioned, were Mary Bird, Jane Slaght, Charlotte Wortman and Agnes Dickinson.

Peter Wortman was married April 8, 1815, to Miss Mary Mesler, who was born May 6, 1794, a daughter of Jacob Mesler. Peter Wortman died May 11, 1865, and his wife passed away January 1, 1885. They were the parents of ten children: Jacob M., the eldest, was born October 31, 1815, was a farmer, and married Ann Emmons, December 1, 1839; his death occurred November 4, 1859. Elias, who was born January 8, 1819, was married July 1, 1843, to Emeline Leek, and died October 31, 1884. Sarah A., who was born January 27, 1821, became the wife of Andrew Rarick. Margaret, born August 3, 1825, was married January 2, 1847, to William Dorland. Stephen H., of this biographical record, was the next in order of birth. Catharine, born February 15, 1830, was married three times, her last union being with Tunis V. M. Cox, of Readington, New Jersey. Mary, born March 1, 1832, died August 21, 1891. Eliza, born June 26, 1837, is residing at Raritan, this state, the widow of Moses Ammerman. Fannie, born April 24, 1823, died in September, 1824; and Andrew J., born December 18, 1834, died February 6, the next year.

Joseph Wortman, the paternal grandfather of Stephen H., was born in Morris county, and died about sixty-three years ago. He was called Captain Wortman, from his connection with the military service in one of the early wars. He married Margaret Emmons, a daughter of Nicholas Emmons,

and their children were: Olive, who became the wife of Henry Dorland; Gertrude, who married Stephen Howell; H. Jacob, who married Sarah Crater; and the remaining two were Nicholas and Malinda. The mother of these children was called to the other world about 1860.

Stephen H. Wortman, whose name begins this record, had but limited educational privileges; but he was trained to habits of industry and perseverance on the home farm, and on attaining his majority chose as his life work the same calling as that in which he was reared and which had been the occupation of his ancestors for several generations. He now owns a rich and well cultivated farm of two hundred and twenty-four acres, which he has largely planted to peaches. His orchard is unsurpassed in the county, and the fine varieties of peaches which he raises enable him to secure the highest market prices for his products.

On the 16th of October, 1851, Mr. Wortman was united in marriage with Catherine Melick, daughter of Nicholas Melick. She died January 10, 1863, leaving the following named children: Mary E., who was born September 26, 1852, and died August 20, 1854; Ann L., who was born June 26, 1855, and became the wife of John Rowe in 1874; Mary, who was born May 5, 1857, and was married in 1880 to Aaron Creger; William M., who was born December 22, 1859, and married Melissa Pickle in 1883; Martha, who was born January 9, 1861, and in 1882 married Joseph Pickle; and Kate, who was born in September, 1865, and is the wife of Marshall Rarick, to whom she was united in 1886.

Mr. Wortman was a second time married, August 10, 1871, when Charlotte Barker became his wife; but she died in December of the same year. On the 23d of December, 1875, Mr. Wortman married Harriet Henry, a daughter of Philip and Susan (McKnight) Henry, of Germantown, New Jersey. Of this union three children have been born: Charley, who was born November 12, 1876, and died February 5, 1888; Robert, also deceased; and Stephen H., born May 22, 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortman are held in high esteem in the community in which they live and have an extended circle of friends. In his political views Mr. Wortman is an advocate of the Democracy, and in his religious belief is a Congregationalist, holding his membership at Chester.

JOHN WALTERS, M. D.

A prominent and popular physician and surgeon of Port Oram is Dr. John Walters, who is of Welsh descent, although nothing definite is known as to the time when his ancestors arrived in this country. His father, William Walters, was born in Wales, where he was reared and at an early age came

to America. For a number of years he was employed in the iron mines at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but in 1861 or 1862 came to New Jersey, locating at Port Oram, where he secured work with the Thomas Cain Iron Company, continuing with them up to the time of his death, in 1873. He married Miss Deanna Powell, a daughter of William Powell, the latter being a native of Wales, who came to the United States in middle life and died at Mine Hill at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Dr. John Walters, son of William and Deanna (Powell) Walters, was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1864, and was three years old when his parents came to Port Oram, shortly after which his father's demise occurred. Our subject attended the public schools of Port Oram until reaching his ninth year, when, his mother having purchased a store, young Walters clerked in the same and went to school alternately until he was twenty years old and then attended a private school for three months. Subsequently he began the study of medicine under the able preceptorage of Dr. J. G. Ryerson, of Boonton, and Dr. D. S. Ayers, of Rockaway, and in October, 1886, he entered the medical department of Columbia College, at which he was graduated in June, 1890. After obtaining his diploma he returned to Port Oram, where he quickly built up a lucrative practice, his worth, ability and extensive knowledge of his profession soon gaining him recognition, not only in Port Oram but also throughout the county, and to-day he stands in the foremost rank among his fellow practitioners, who accord him their highest respect and consideration. Dr. Walters is a member of the Morris County Medical Society and the New Jersey State Medical Society, in both of which he is distinctly popular.

In April, 1897, Dr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Richards, an adopted daughter of Captain Joseph Richards, who was formerly an old and much respected citizen of Port Oram. The Doctor and his wife occupy a handsome residence, which he built in 1897, equipping it with all the modern improvements and furnishing it in a most tasteful manner. He is clever in his profession, well liked in society and stands high in the estimation of his numerous friends.

Captain Joseph Richards, deceased, was a native of England, where his birth took place in 1834. Before reaching his majority he was placed in charge of some men in a tin mine, but he gave up his prospects of advancement there in order to seek newer fields abroad, and when twenty years old he came to the United States, going direct to Philadelphia, and remaining there a short time; then he moved to Georgia, where he secured a position in one of the most important gold mines in the state, forty miles from Augusta. He had been there only a few months when he was offered a better place in the copper mines of Tennessee, which he promptly accepted, and

it was in that state that Mr. Richards met Miss Isabella Andrews, a daughter of James Andrews, formerly of Dover, and the young lady became his wife on the 12th of May, 1858. In 1861 Mr. Richards came to Port Oram and entered the employ of the Mount Pleasant Mining Company, which soon recognized his superior abilities and excellent judgment and made him assistant superintendent, a position he retained until 1880, when he was promoted to the full superintendency of the company in this section. Nine months previous to his death he was compelled to resign on account of ill health, but the company, appreciating the value of his opinions, retained him as consultant in matters pertaining to engineering.

In his political faith, Captain Richards was a stanch Republican, but did not aspire to official preferment, although he once ran for township committeeman and was defeated. For a number of years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Port Oram public school, and under the new township law he was president of the first board of education for Randolph township. He was affiliated with Acacia Lodge, No. 20, Free and Accepted Masons, and was a devout adherent of the Dover Presbyterian church

The death of Captain Richards occurred on the 24th of April, 1896, the funeral services being held in the church on Monday, April 27th, Rev. A. M. Harris and Dr. Holloway officiating, and the ceremony being conducted by Acacia Lodge according to the rubric of the Masonic fraternity.

HENRY A. BUTTS, LL. D.

The honored president of the Drew Theological Seminary, of Madison, New Jersey, is Professor Henry Anson Butts, one of the most scholarly ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was born in Middle Smithfield, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of April, 1835, and when fifteen years of age was converted to Christ. Since that time he has followed the teachings of the lowly Nazarene and has given his life to the work of uplifting humanity. Having acquired a thorough preliminary education he attended Union College, and later entered Princeton College, of New Jersey, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the time of his graduation in 1858 and honored him with the degree of Master of Arts in 1861. The same degree was conferred upon him by the Wesleyan University in 1866; he became a Doctor of Divinity of Princeton College in 1875, and ten years later became a Doctor of Laws of Dickinson College.

He began his ministerial work in 1858 and has labored earnestly to advance the cause of Christ among men. Joining the Newark conference, he served as pastor of the church at Millston in 1858; at Irvington in 1859; in 1860–1 at Woodbridge, New Jersey; in 1862–3 at Mariner's Harbor, on

Staten Island; from 1864 until 1866 at the Prospect Street church, of Paterson, New Jersey; and in 1867 became identified with the Drew Theological Seminary of Madison, as a member of its faculty. From 1870 until 1898 he was professor of New Testament Greek and exegesis, and since 1880 has been president of the institution. Whether as a teacher in the schoolroom or instructing his people from the pulpit, he has the ability to impress strongly upon the minds of his hearers the deep truths which he utters. His mind is analytical, logical and decisive, and his utterance rings with the eloquence born of his lofty theme.

Dr. Butts was a member of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1884, 1888 and 1892, also of the ecumenical conference of 1891, and of the Methodist centennial conference of 1884. He has studied closely the subjects of church government and policy and has been a valued representative to these gatherings of the representative ministers of the denomination. He has published a number of important works, including The New Life Dawning, a sermon by B. H. Nadel, together with a memoir of that distinguished divine; also the Epistle to the Romans in Greek; and is the author of many articles published in pamphlet form and in periodicals. He is a fluent and able writer, and his deep research into theological fields make his productions of particular value.

Dr. Butts was married April 11, 1860, to Miss Emily Hoagland, of Townsbury, New Jersey. Their home life is a strong influence for good in the community; and while Dr. Butts is widely recognized in the Methodist denomination as an eminent divine and a most able teacher, his kindliness and sympathy in private life are also an important element in his work.

GEORGE T. WERTS.

Hon. George T. Werts, ex-governor of New Jersey, was born at Hackettstown, Warren county, this state, March 24, 1846, and lived there until his parents moved to Bordentown, in 1849. His father, Peter Werts, died when our subject was seven years old. His mother was a sister of Attorney-General Jacob Vanatta.

Governor Werts attended the high school at Bordentown and the State Model School at Trenton. At the age of seventeen years he went to Morristown and took up the study of law with his uncle, Hon. Jacob Vanatta, was admitted to the bar in 1867 and began his practice in Morristown. He was town recorder from May, 1883, to May, 1885; mayor from 1868 till he resigned in February, 1892; senator from Morris county from 1886 till he resigned in February, 1892, to accept the office of judge of the supreme court, to which he was appointed by Governor Abbett, and his nomination

was at once confirmed by a unanimous vote of the senate; and in assuming the duties of this office he took the place of the late Judge Knapp, of the Hudson county circuit.

During the legislative session of 1889 he served as president of the senate, where he discharged the duties of that office with marked ability and impartiality. While a member of the senate he drafted the liquor and the ballot reform laws. He always took a prominent part in legislation and during several sessions he was leader of his party on the floor of the senate. He was elected governor in 1892, by a plurality of seven thousand, six hundred and twenty-five votes over John Kean, Jr., and he occupied his seat on the bench during the whole of the campaign and personally took no part in it beyond writing his letter of acceptance of the nomination which had been unanimously tendered to him by the Democratic state convention. He took the seat of office January 1, 1893, and his term expired January 1, 1896.

JOHN MILEY.

For twenty-two years Professor John Miley was connected with the Drew Theological Seminary, of Madison, New Jersey, in which institution he occupied the chair of systematic theology. His life has been devoted to the work of the ministry and to the elevation of the race, and the talents with which he was endowed have been used for the betterment of mankind. He was born on the 25th of December, 1813, in Butler county, Ohio, and at an early age was converted. Throughout his career he has made it his study how best to prepare his fellow-men for the responsibilities of this life and the glory of the life to come. To this end he has availed himself of every opportunity for the acquirement of knowledge, and his scholarly attainments are indicated by the fact that Augusta College, of Kentucky, conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts; the Ohio Wesleyan University honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1858 and with that of Doctor of Laws in 1881.

He began his ministerial labors as a member of the Ohio Conference and was appointed to the pastorate of the church in Batavia in 1838. The following year he became pastor of a church in Cincinnati, in 1840 was located in Hamilton, in 1841–42 in Chillicothe, and through the two succeeding years occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church in Columbus, followed by a two-years pastorate, 1845–6, in Zanesville, Ohio. In 1847 he had charge of Wesley Chapel in Cincinnati; in 1848–9 was connected with the Wesleyan Female College; in 1850–1 was pastor of Morris Chapel, of Cincinnati, and was then transferred to the New York East conference. In 1852–3 he was minister of the Pacific Street church, of Brooklyn; in 1854–5,

of the South Second street church, of Brooklyn; in 1856–7, of the Sands Street church of that city, and in 1858–9 occupied the Methodist pulpit in Danbury, Connecticut. After spending two years, 1860–1, in the Forsythe Street church of New York city, and the two following years in Bridgeport, he went to New Rochelle, in 1864, remaining there two years. On the expiration of that period he was transferred to the New York conference and was assigned to the First Methodist church of Newburg, where he remained from 1866 until 1868. He next had charge of the church of Sing Sing from 1869 until 1871, in 1872 was pastor of St. Paul's church, of Peekskill, and in 1873 accepted a call to become professor of systematic theology in the Drew Theological Seminary, of Madison, New Jersey, where he continued to fill that position with marked ability until 1895.

Professor Wiley was a fraternal delegate to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in 1887; was a member of the general conference of 1864, 1872, 1876, 1888 and 1892, and was a member of the Centennial Methodist conference in 1884. He there presented a paper on The Work of the Christmas Conference of 1784. He is the author of a number of very important theological works, which treat in a most able and exhaustive manner subjects of great interest. These include a work call Class Meetings, another The Atonement in Christ, and a third, Systematic Theology, which last is published in two volumes, and is the standard work on that subject in the Methodist ministers' course of study. He has also long been a valued contributor to Methodistic periodicals. In his holy calling he has exercised an influence that is immeasurable and which will be felt in all its beneficent power long years after he shall have been called to the rest prepared for the righteous.

He married Miss Olive C. Patterson, of Batavia, Ohio, who died in September, 1874.

COLONEL JACOB FORD, SR.

Colonel Ford, a son of John Ford, was one of the heroes who aided in the establishment of the republic and in securing to America her independence. He was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, April 13, 1704, and was a prominent figure in the early annals of the state, his influence being widely felt in public affairs. From 1738 until his death, which occurred January 19, 1777, his name frequently appears in the history of the state. He was one of the pioneers in the development of the iron industry in New Jersey and was otherwise prominent in promoting the material welfare of Morris county. He became one of the judges of "the inferior court of

common pleas for Morris county" in 1740, and the first session of the court convened in his home. For many years thereafter he appears to have delivered the charges to the grand jury and was not infrequently a member of the lower house in the provincial assembly, and when an old man became a delegate to the provincial congress. It was in 1774 that he built the house now famous as Washington's Headquarters, though his son, Jacob Ford, Jr., was residing there at the time of his death. In his declining years this son largely succeeded to his father's place in business and public life.

Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr., was the second son of Colonel Jacob Ford, Sr., and was not less eminent and distinguished than his honored father. Prior to the war of the Revolution, although a young man, he had been entrusted with a number of difficult missions by the state, all of which he had faithfully executed, but he comes most prominently before the public as the builder of an important powder-mill on the Whippany river, near Morristown. Early in the year 1776 he proposed to the provincial congress to erect a powder-mill in Morris county for the manufacture of gunpowder, an article very much needed at the time. The congress agreed to lend him two thousand pounds of the public money for one year, without interest, on his giving "satisfactory security for the same to be paid within the time of one year in good mercantile powder," the first installment of one ton of powder to be paid on the first of July of that year, and one ton per month thereafter until the loan had been thus paid off. This "good mercantile powder" proved a very essential factor in winning victory to the American arms; and the fact that the powder-mill was located at Morristown was the cause of the repeated but futile attempts of the enemy to reach this city. Such an attempt was made only a few months after the mill was put into operation. On the 14th of December, 1776, the British troops reached Springfield, where they were met by Colonel Ford and his militia, numbering seven hundred men, who attacked the enemy with such spirit and vigor that they readily relinquished their plan of reaching Morristown. Twenty-four days later Washington reached Morristown and went into winter quarters. It was only four days after this that Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr., died,—January 11, 1777,—at the early age of thirty-nine years, his birth having occurred February 19, 1738.

He was married January 27, 1762, to Theodocia, daughter of the Rev. Timothy Johnes. She afterward became the hostess of Washington in the Ford house, which the father of his country made his headquarters in his second winter in Morristown, and which is now owned by the Washington Association. By order of the beloved commander-in-chief of the American army Colonel Ford was borne to his last resting place with all the honors of war and thus passed away one of the most brilliant, loyal and distinguished men that Morris county has produced.

EDWARD P. HOLDEN.

There are many men in Morris county—leaders in business circles—who have acquired wide reputation as business men, but their energies are devoted almost entirely to the acquirement of wealth. In Edward Packard Holden, however, we find a gentleman of well rounded character, who amidst life's busy cares has found time to devote to humanity, and, recognizing the brotherhood of mankind, he has labored for the advancement of the human race, being especially active in his work among young men. Realizing that the true purpose of life is the development of a noble character,—a character at all times worthy of respect,—he has endeavored to assist the young in attaining to a higher moral altitude, and is very prominently known in connection with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association throughout New Jersey. In business, too, he has a high standing, for many years has been very influential and prominent in the affairs of the village of Madison, where he makes his home.

Mr. Holden was born in New York city, June 19, 1855, and is a son of James C. and Sarah D. (Packard) Holden, also residents of Madison. During his childhood his parents removed to this village. He acquired his preliminary education in New York, and this he supplemented by study in Princeton College. At the age of nineteen he entered upon his business career as an employe in the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York city, and has since been connected with that corporation, where for several years past he has filled the responsible position of assistant cashier. He is a most energetic business man, of keen discernment and unflagging industry.

Mr. Holden was united in marriage to Miss Ella C., daughter of James A. Webb, of Madison, and they have four children, a son and three daughters: Margaretta Webb, Eleanor Sandford, Edward Packard and Elizabeth Cebra.

Mr. Holden, through the years of his majority, has ever taken a deep and active interest in the welfare of the village and has been largely instrumental in promoting its best interests. He withholds his support from no movement or enterprise for the public good, and is especially active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was one of its organizers and for twenty years has served as its president, his spirit and labors permeating the society and largely producing its substantial growth. He has also been very prominent in the work of the association throughout the state. For twenty-two years he has been connected with the state executive committee of New Jersey and throughout that time has served as secretary, treasurer or in some other office in the state organization. He is also very active in church and Sunday-school work in Madison, has for a number of years

been an elder in the Presbyterian church there, and for a quarter of a century has been a teacher in the Sunday-school. The cause of education also finds in him a warm friend and for five years he has been connected with the Madison board of education, while for three years he has served as its president. He is a Republican in politics and is frequently seen in the conventions of his party, giving his support to those measures which he believes to be for the public good. With a just appreciation of the duties and obligations of citizenship, he labors for the adoption of a policy which will sustain the honor of his native land, and ranks among the representative American citizens of whom the country may be justly proud.

JEREMY O'BRIEN.

For four decades a resident of Madison, Morris county, New Jersey, Mr. O'Brien has until recently been actively identified with various improvements which have been carried forward in this county, he having long been engaged in contract work, doing a large amount of road and park grading. Mr. O'Brien, as his name indicates, is of Irish origin, and in his make-up are found many of the characteristics which have contributed to the success of his countrymen wherever they have sought a home. After a successful career, he is now retired from active life, except as he devotes his energies to the care of his own private property.

Mr. O'Brien was born in county Waterford, Ireland, in the year 1836, and passed his boyhood in his native land. In 1852 he left the scenes of his birth and childhood, and, with the hope of bettering his condition in life, came to America, landing in due time in New Jersey. His father, John O'Brien, also emigrated to this country and settled in Madison, New Jersey, where he spent the closing years of his life and died.

Jeremy O'Brien worked by the day and month after coming here, until 1862, when he engaged in contract work, grading roads, lawns and parks. Many of the fine roads built in this locality within the past thirty years have been superintended by him, and the parks and lawns in and around Madison owe much of their beauty to his skill in the direction of grading, etc. He did the grading of the parks at the Convent, the State Insane Hospital and Drew Seminary, besides grading and beautifying the private grounds of many of the wealthy people of this locality. Throughout the whole of his busy career he has constantly employed a large force of men. Having acquired considerable property, he has of recent years given up his contract work and is now occupied chiefly in looking after his own estate.

Mr. O'Brien has always affiliated with the Democratic party, in his earlier life took an active interest in public affairs, frequently attending the

the conventions of his party, but has never been an office-seeker or office-holder. Both he and his family are devout members of the Catholic church.

Mrs. O'Brien, like her husband, is of Irish parentage. Her father, John O'Donnell, was many years ago a resident of Madison, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have had five children, namely: John, who died at the age of eighteen years; James, who died at the age of eleven; Mamie, wife of Edward O'Donnell, died leaving one son; and Maggie and Jeremy, Jr. The junior Jeremy O'Brien is one of the most popular young men of Madison.

NICHOLAS VANSANT.

One of the most prominent representatives of the Methodist ministry in New Jersey is Rev. Nicholas Vansant, of Madison, who after fifty years of faithful service as a preacher of the gospel is now holding a superannuated relation to the conference. A man of ripe scholarship and marked executive ability, his life has been consecrated to the cause of the Master and the uplifting of men. He has devoted himself without ceasing to the interests of humanity and to the furtherance of all good work, and though he is not now actively connected with the ministry, his interest in the work and growth of the church is greater with each passing year, and his influence is yet a potent force among the people with whom he is associated. His reputation is not restricted, and his power in his holy office has been exerted in a spirit of deepest human sympathy and tender solicitude.

Rev. Vansant was born in Absecon, New Jersey, December 7, 1823, a son of Nicholas and Mercy Vansant. In writing of his mother he says: "Never did a woman's name give more fitting expression to character than did this name of my mother. A plain, practical woman, of large common sense, with a heart and life sanctified by grace, she was a mother to be respected, esteemed and loved. Both she and father had become Christians and members of the Methodist Episcopal church before their marriage, which occurred December 23, 1808, a marriage followed by their happy, loving union as husband and wife for more than seventy years, each of them dying at last in the ninety-first year of life, the date of his birth being November 9, 1788, and that of his death March 6, 1879, her birth occurring March 13, 1789, and her death January 8, 1880."

Nicholas Vansant was reared in an atmosphere of prayer and piety. He attended the schools of his district, and being of a studious nature displayed special aptitude in his studies. He also attended the Sunday-schools of the neighborhood. These were rather primitive as compared with the systematized work done in such schools at the present day, but the lessons which were then instilled into his mind were never forgotten and were doubtless

a factor in his early conversion, which occurred in 1837. Habitually prayerful and tenderly conscientious, he reached his fourteenth year in the practice of the strictest morality, fearing God and working righteousness, and in the year mentioned came the "change of heart," which means conversion to God. This was followed by a special desire and effort for usefulness. His thirst for knowledge had always been ardent; but now the desire for mental culture along with spiritual improvement became intense. He secured additional books and availed himself of every opportunity to add to his literary, historical and scientific as well as religious knowledge, and throughout all the years his life has been characterized by a love of study that has added materially to his usefulness. In a semi-centennial address in Morris, March 30, 1892, he spoke of the beginning of his ministerial labors in this way:

"Fifty-one years and four months ago a plain, unpretentious youth might have been seen wending his way, in true primitive style, on horseback and with saddle-bags, toward his first circuit, there to enter upon his life work as an itinerant preacher. That red-letter day in my life was December 4, 1840, three days before I was seventeen years old."

He was connected with the Medford circuit from 1840 until 1842, the Freehold circuit in 1842–3, and in the latter year was appointed assistant to Rev. Thomas McCarroll, of Paterson. From that time until his retirement his work was continuous. He labored at Dover and Millbrook, in 1844–5; at Madison from 1846 to 1847; Bloomfield from 1847 until 1849; Woodrow, Staten Island, from 1849 to 1851; at Belleville, New Jersey, in 1851–2, and in the latter year was assigned to the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church in New Brunswick, where he remained two years. During that time he availed himself of an opportunity to study Greek and became proficient in that language. In 1854 he was sent by the conference to Bridgeton, where he continued two years. He had voluntarily sought a smaller charge, for his arduous labors and close study in former years had largely undermined his health and made it impossible for him to assume the duties of a large city church, which would have been assigned him had he not requested otherwise. From 1856 until 1858 he was pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, on Staten Island; was at Haverstraw from 1858 until 1860; in the Clinton street church, of Newark, in 1860–1; in the First church, of Rahway, in 1861–2; at Bethel, on Staten Island, from 1862 until 1864, and was then appointed presiding elder of the Jersey City district, now the Paterson district, serving in that capacity from 1864 until 1868. At the conference which made him presiding elder he was also made a delegate to the general conference, and in the latter he was appointed chairman of the committee on slavery. The Civil war was then fiercely raging, and through the efforts of the committee the conference took strong ground against slavery, which

resulted in the conference receiving a sincere letter of thanks from President Lincoln.

At the conference of 1868 Rev. Vansant, at his own request, was not again appointed presiding elder, and through the following year served as pastor of the church of his denomination in Washington, New Jersey, but in 1869 he was made presiding elder of the Newton district, serving until 1873. During all these years he held many revival services and added many souls to the church; he conducted several conference meetings in the towns in which he was located; built and dedicated new churches, erected and repaired parsonages, and advanced the cause of the church both materially and spiritually. He was pastor of Trinity church, of Newark, from 1873 until 1876; of the Fulton street church, of Elizabeth, from 1876 until 1879; of Trinity church, of Staten Island, from 1879 until 1882; of the church of New Providence, New Jersey, from 1882 until 1885; of Chatham, from 1885 until 1888; of Port Oram, in 1888–9; and of St. John's Methodist church, of Rossville, Staten Island, from 1889 until 1892, when he retired from the active work of the ministry.

Rev. Vansant has been twice married. On the 9th of December, 1844, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Amelia P. Moses, who died August 13, 1883, after thirty-nine years of happy married life. She was a most able assistant and helpmeet to her husband in his holy work, and their home life was ideal. They brought their children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and those who lived to mature years have become honored and respected Christian men and women. In Madison, December 30, 1885, Rev. Vansant was again married, Miss Josephine L. Tunis becoming his wife. After his retirement from the ministry they removed to her old home in East Madison, where they remained two years, and then came to their present home in Madison.

In addition to his pastoral work Rev. Vansant has produced many works of high literary value, including pamphlets, poems and reviews. His active labors in the ministry of the church covered more than fifty-one years, and there has not been denied the full harvest nor the aftermath whose garnering shall bring the sure reward in the words of the great commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

J. J. VREELAND, JR.

The subject of this review, an enterprising citizen of Dover, is a native of this city and a son of J. J. Vreeland, Sr., whose sketch is given elsewhere in this work. His education in the public schools here he supplemented by

a preparatory course at the Stevens Institute in Hoboken and a special course in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania.

He has recently found scope for the exercise of his native genius and acquired abilities in the drafting of a magnificent design for a new city hall for the city of Dover, which building is now in process of erection. A description of the building, as published in a local paper early in 1898, we give in the following paragraphs:

CITY HALL OF DOVER.

"The building as he has planned it has a frontage of fifty-six feet, to be built of buff brick with brown stone and terra-cotta trimmings, having a slate roof. It embraces a basement and three stories in height. The basement is divided up with a hallway through the center, eligible rooms on either side of the front which could be utilized for police justice's court, police headquarters, etc. In the rear are six cells for prisoners, a place for the heating apparatus, lavatories and storage rooms, where the city clerk can put away

election booths, etc., and the street commissioner the city's work-tools, etc. In the first story would also be a hall through the center, with two large rooms on either side, attached to each of which would be a private office, furnished with all modern improvements and conveniences. The large rooms would be utilized for various purposes in connection with the official business of the city. On the second floor would be, one side of the building, a large room for the city council with adjacent rooms required by that body. On the opposite side of the hallway the architect has provided rooms for the mayor's office, city clerk's office, city treasurer's office, etc. The third floor can be divided up into offices such as will be demanded by the growing city.

"Up to the time when such a building might be fully needed by the city, it is Mr. Vreeland's idea that some of the rooms in the basement and on the first floor might be rented out for mercantile purposes, which would bring a return to the city that would help to pay for the building, or, at least, the interest on the money invested in its construction. He further suggests that there might be incorporated into the erection of the building the utilitarian idea in another direction, and that is, instead of putting up in Dover a special soldiers' monument, put that money into the new city hall, making that, in part at least, monumental, giving to the Grand Army of the Republic a meeting place in the hall. Here also a city museum, under certain regulations, and the city's public library might, for a time at least, find a habitation. The whole structure as it will appear to the eye is artistic and substantial. There is a place for the city clock and from its flagstaff Old Glory would gracefully float.

"We are glad to be able to place this city hall suggestion before our citizens at this time. The very suggestion is an inspiration to hopefulness, an attraction toward the future, and will lead to thought on the possibilities of our city and to much that will be realized during the twentieth century. Our wish is that Architect Vreeland may soon see his beautiful and practical suggestion a culmination, with the national ensign floating over the finished structure, the pride of the city and the glory of all our officials."

Mr. Vreeland is deeply interested in the advancement of all the interests of his city, and is an efficient factor in all local enterprises in this direction.

JAMES WHITE.

For nearly half a century the family of White, of which our subject is a representative, has been prominently identified with the paper-manufacturing interests of New Jersey. John White was the first of the family to locate in this state, the date of his arrival being 1814. He was born at

Millham, near Edinburg, Scotland, in 1797, and in the latter city learned the paper-making trade, serving a regular apprenticeship in the mills of his native land. Upon coming to the United States he located in Millburn, Essex county, New Jersey, where he established an extensive paper-manufacturing plant, a part of which, together with the breast walls of the dam, are still standing. There he conducted a very large business for a number of years, after which he removed to Hohokus, now Waldwich, Bergen county, New Jersey, where he spent the remainder of an active and successful business life, and passed away in 1848. He was a very energetic and industrious man, and had the persevering spirit so characteristic of the Scotch nation. He was a most charitable man, kindly and generous, and his hospitable home was ever the resort of the clergy and visiting church workers.

John White was married in this state to Mabella Hughes, a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Robinson) Hughes, both of whom were natives of Manchester, England. She was a faithful Christian woman, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was most charitable and benevolent. She died at the old White homestead, at Hohokus, New Jersey, in 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. John White were born eight children: James, of this review; John, who married Electa Ann Brewer, of Elmira, New York; Sarah; William, who married Jane Snyder, of Hohokus, New Jersey; Matthew, who married Annie Waldron, of this state; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Higham; Charles, who married a Miss Waldron, of this state; and Jonathan, who married Maria Billette, of Canada.

James White, now so prominently connected with the industrial interests of Butler, was born in Millburn, New Jersey, on the 19th of April, 1830, and when very young accompanied his parents on their removal to Hohokus, where he acquired his literary education in the public schools. He learned the trade of paper-making under the direction of his father, who died when James was eighteen years of age, at which time the latter assumed the responsibilities of conducting the business. He was very successful in his management of the enterprise, which he carried on for some time. He then formed a partnership with his uncle, Matthew Dunlap, and engaged in the paper trade in New York city, the connection being maintained and the business profitably carried on until the death of Mr. Dunlap. Mr. White then returned to the old mill in Hohokus, where he engaged in the manufacture of paper for some time. In 1862 he removed to Bloomingdale, near Butler, where he operated the Logan Paper Mills until the failing health of Mrs. White caused him to seek a change of climate, and with his family he went to Minnesota, where he remained until 1871. He then returned to Bloomingdale and purchased the Logan Paper Mills, making many improvements

in the plant and conducting an extensive business. The volume of their trade enabled them to furnish employment to a large force of operatives, thus adding materially to the general prosperity of the town. In 1885 Mr. White purchased the water power at the present location of the Upper Mills, and erected an extensive plant, equipping it with all modern accessories and the latest improved machinery known to the paper-making trade. The product of this manufactory is fine tissue and manilla paper. The plant now known as the Lower Mills also is splendidly equipped with machinery especially adapted to the manufacture of the celebrated J. C. Gayetty medicated toilet paper, and the product of this factory is largely used in supplying the export trade. Both the Upper and Lower Mills are now being operated by Mr. White's sons, and for some time the firm has been known as the Pequannock Valley Paper Company. This enterprise has become one of the most important in this section of the country, and furnishes employment to a large force of men.

On the 2d of April, 1860, James White married Miss Isabella R. Brewer, of Elmira, New York, where the wedding was celebrated. She was born April 27, 1839, a daughter of Peter and Isabella (Rolfe) Brewer. When twenty years of age she became a member of the American Tract Society and has always been deeply interested in Christian work. By this marriage have been born five children: Fred S., born January 2, 1861, married Annie Fair, a daughter of Samuel and Juliet (Cooper) Fair, and they have four children, Harold J. F., Florence, Isabel and Ruth; Clara T., the second of the family, was born September 26, 1863, married Angelo H. Knapp, of Paterson, New Jersey, and died July 29, 1893, leaving one son, James: she had been a life-long member of the American Tract Society, of New York city; Walter C., born January 3, 1865, married Esther Bell, of Bloomingburg, New York, and their children are James, DeGray, Walter C. and Clara T.; Frank C., born July 12, 1867, died in infancy; and Joseph Billette, born February 9, 1871, was graduated in Princeton College in the class of 1895, and is now engaged in the manufacture of paper, as a member of the Pequannock Valley Paper Company.

Mr. White and his wife have long been faithful members of the Bloomingdale Methodist Episcopal church, and for a number of years he has served as trustee. He contributes liberally to the support of the church and to all charitable and benevolent interests, and is also generous in his financial aid to those interests which he believes will prove of benefit to the community. His life has been one of great business activity, which has justly earned him the rest that he is now enjoying. His business methods were honorable, his energy unflagging, his perseverance unwavering and his integrity unassailable, and to those qualities his splendid success is attributable.

MAHLON M. SMITH.

The eventful career of Mahlon M. Smith embraces "a life on the ocean wave," travel through various states of the Union, the experiences of the gold-miner in the west, of the hunter and trapper in the Rocky mountains, and the quiet, peaceful pursuits of the farm; but after many years spent away from the scenes of his childhood he is now living upon the old homestead on Union Hill, Morris county, New Jersey, his time and energies being given to agricultural pursuits.

He was born on the 20th of August, 1843, and is a son of John and Ruth (Skellinger) Smith. The father was born in 1815, on the old homestead near what was then known as Charcoal Furnace, and later as the old paper-mill site, but, by purchase of our subject, it is now known as the Smith property. The grandfather, Garret Smith, was one of the pioneer settlers of the commnnity and married a Miss Losey. The parents of our subject had a family of eight children: Mahlon M.; Eunice, deceased; George A., of Rockaway; Julia L.; Cornelius L.; Malinda C., who is at home with her mother; Theodore P., of Dover; and Mary E., wife of Edward Smith.

Through the first two decades of his life Mahlon M. Smith remained upon the home farm, the routine of that life being varied only by occasional service in the Mount Hope ore mines and the Plainfield stone quarries. In his early boyhood he assisted in the labors of field and meadow through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the common schools and acquired a good practical education. In 1864 he entered the naval service of his country, and was assigned to the United States receiving ship Vermont. Later he was transferred to the United States gunboat Galatea, of the West India squadron, which acted as guard to the mail steamers plying between New York and Aspinwall, with headquarters at Hayti. On one occasion he was called ashore at Hayti to act as guard to the American consul, when the natives were at war among themselves. He also touched at Havana, Cuba, at Port-au-Prince and other places of note, returning to New York at the close of the war. He then received an honorable discharge from the naval service, July 12, 1865.

Returning to his home in Rockaway township, Morris county, Mr. Smith engaged in farming for a time, but not finding that pursuit congenial at that period, he went with a number of friends to Colorado, where he secured employment in a sawmill on Boulder creek, in Gilpin county. During the mining excitement he went to Jamestown, and after buying a lot and building a house he began prospecting on what was then called Sugar Loaf Hill; but gold was so scarce that he soon sank what capital he had. Abandoning that business, he then went with James R. Oliver to Estes Park, at the foot

of Long's Peak, where they engaged in hunting and fishing. They sometimes camped out under projecting rocks, at other times slept in disused cabins, and again in the snow by the camp fires. They engaged in shooting elk and other game, and caught the spotted trout in great numbers, but the business did not prove very profitable and Mr. Smith made his way to Cheyenne, and thence with a company of men across the Laramie Plains and the Black Hills to a place afterward known as Red Desert. There he began work on the Union Pacific Railroad, which was then in process of construction across the mountains. Returning from there to Colorado, he assisted in operating a threshing-machine during the season of harvest, also engaged in pressing hay, in farming and in teaming; and the killing of an occasional rattlesnake added zest to his life in the wild districts of the west.

On again returning to New Jersey, Mr. Smith embarked in farming, and has a valuable, though small farm, comprising thirty acres of rich land, which is under a high state of cultivation. The place is also improved with a good barn, substantial residences and outbuildings in abundance, and is surrounded with many comforts which indicate the progressive, practical American farmer.

On the 28th of May, 1873, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Smith, a daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Todd) Smith, and they now have one daughter, Laura Estella. In his political affiliations Mr. Smith is a Prohibitionist, and has served as a member and trustee of the school board for some time. He belongs to the United American Mechanics, No. 6, of Dover, and with his wife and daughter holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of Rockaway, in which he is serving as steward. He is also trustee of Union Chapel, the house of worship being now in course of erection near Union school-house. He takes great interest in church and Sunday-school work and for a number of years has served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school at Union. His wife also shares in these labors, and for twenty years has been a valued teacher in the Sunday-school. Their well spent lives and genuine worth make them valued members of society, and in the community they have a large and constantly growing circle of friends.

FLOYD DECKER.

The superintendent of the blowing department of the Butler Hard Rubber Works, Mr. Decker, was born in Warwick, Orange county, New York, on the 13th of September, 1859. His father, David Decker, was a farmer and died in July, 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Margaret Shiner, and died in 1878. The following members

of their family still survive: William R.; Mary E., widow of Charles E. Smith; John L., and Floyd, all residents of Butler. One daughter, Annie, became the wife of De Witt Miller, and died leaving a family.

Amid the scenes of rural life Mr. Decker, of this sketch, was reared and was early trained to habits of industry, and made to understand the value of close application to business if one would secure success. Soon after his birth, the father removed with his family to Newfoundland, New Jersey, and it was from that place that Floyd Decker attended the Boardville school. He assisted in the labors of the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he secured employment in connection with a livery stable in Warwick and later was connected with a hotel in Florida, New York, for three and a half years. On the expiration of that period he came to Butler, and in January, 1880, entered the service of the Butler Hard Rubber Works as an employe in the soapstone rooms. His promotion from time to time has steadily advanced him to the position of foreman of the blowing room, of which the soapstone room is an adjunct, and in this responsible position he is now serving with conspicuous fidelity and capability. That he has the confidence of his employers is shown by the fact that he has served in this capacity for sixteen years. His worth and reliability are very marked and he has the respect of employers and those who serve under him.

On the 9th of June, 1883, Mr. Decker was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Taylor, daughter of George Taylor, and their union has been blessed with an interesting family of five children, namely: George, Mabel, Grace, Floyd and Maud. Mr. Decker has erected a neat cottage on Bellevue avenue and Pearl street, Kiel Heights, Butler, and is in every way a worthy and desirable citizen.

ASA T. COOK.

Prominently connected with the official, educational and mercantile interests of Montville is Asa T. Cook, who is now serving his fellow citizens as township assessor. He was born in Lincoln Park, Pequannock township, Morris county, September 7, 1844, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Henion) Cook. His grandfather, John Cook, was the first of the family to settle in Morris county, where he followed farming as a life work. He was a native of New Jersey and was of Holland-Dutch extraction. His death occurred when he had reached the age of eighty-three years. His children, six in number, were Peter, George, John, Daniel, Anna and Mary, and all reached mature years, were married and had families of their own.

Peter Cook, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Beavertown, now Lincoln Park, where in early life he learned the trade of tailor-

ing, following that pursuit for some years. Later he was employed by the Morris Canal Company for more than twenty years, and then followed carpentering in Boonton. His death occurred in Montville March 3, 1889, and his wife passed away on the 10th of November, 1889. They had ten children, namely: Abram, who died single; George S., who married Hettie A. Van Duyne; Asa T.; Charles, who died in childhood; Eletta A., wife of Giles M. Roome; Horatio H., who married Carrie Donavan; James M., who wedded Edith Huyler; John H., who died at the age of thirty-four years; Sarah C., wife of Thomas Gibbert; and William, who married Anna Williams.

Mr. Cook, whose name begins this biography, is indebted to the public-school system for his educational advantages. During his early manhood he began merchandising, and also followed farming for some time. In 1876 he purchased his present store in Montville, has greatly improved the property and now has one of the finest business buildings in the town. He has also done much for the progress and improvement of the town, withholding his support and co-operation from no movement or enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and to a considerable degree has been identified with the political interests of the town. In 1876 he was elected assessor of the township and filled that position continuously until 1890. In 1892 he was elected township clerk, and in 1897 was re-elected to the office of assessor, which position he is now filling with marked fidelity. He has also served on the board of education since its formation, and the schools have found in him a progressive and ardent supporter. He votes with the Republican party and is well informed on the issues of the day, which thus enables him to give an intelligent support to the cause which he advocates. He has always been a public-spirited man, and during the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in Company G, Twenty-seventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for nine months.

On the 12th of October, 1869, Mr. Cook married Miss Lucy A. Kanouse, who was born on the 18th of October, 1851. Their children are Frank F., Clarence C.; S. Louise, G. Hobart and Peter I. Cook, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are consistent members of the Reformed church of Boonton, and their many admirable qualities have won them the high regard of many friends.

PAUL WITTECK.

The chief engineer of the Butler Hard Rubber Company is Paul Witteck, who was born in the ancient city of Trier, Germany, on the 21st of July, 1861, being the only son and second child in a family of four children, whose

parents were Michael and Maria (Hebert) Witteck. His grandfather and father were artificers in metals, and after Mr. Witteck acquired his literary education in the public schools he began to study under the direction of his father, with whom he remained for five years. On the expiration of that period, he went to Munich and placed himself under the instruction and guidance of the masters in that line, taking a course in an institute known as the School of Higher Advancement for Tradesmen. At the time he entered upon his studies in Munich he was also subject to the military duties of the empire, and in order that he might perform his service to his country, and at the same time pursue his course in the institute without interruption, he applied for an assignment which would permit of this, and was made a member of the infantry, or body regiment of the king of Bavaria.

In 1883 Mr. Witteck came to the United States and obtained a position with the Whiting Manufacturing Company, silversmiths, of New York city, where his uncle, the late Charles Witteck, was superintendent. In 1885 he came to Butler to accept a proffered position with the Butler Hard Rubber Company. He had spent years in perfecting himself in his profession, had had wide experience, and was well fitted for the responsible position which he entered upon. That he has given the most perfect satisfaction is indicated by his long connection with thie company.

Mr. Witteck was united in marriage to Miss Wilhemina, daughter of William and Wilhemina (Mink) Kiel, her brother being superintendent of the Butler Hard Rubber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Witteck now have three children, viz.: Paul, Wilhemina and Marguerite. There was also one, Virginia, who died at the age of five years.

Mr. Witteck is a thorough American, heartily in sympathy with the institutions of the republic, and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare and advancement of county, state and Union. He has an interesting family and a hospitable home, wherein intelligence and good cheer abound.

GEORGE E. TRUMBOUR.

Mr. Trumbour was born in Boonton, New Jersey, on the 17th of August, 1855, and is descended from a family that originally came from Holland, but intermarriage with the Pennsylvania Germans has led their descendants to be classed among that people. His father, Adam Trumbour, has born in South Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and married Susan Decker, daughter of Andrew and Phœbe (DeMouth) Decker. Her death occurred in 1875, but the father is now living in Belleville, Illinois, where he is engaged

in business as a nail-cutter. Their children are George E.; Charles, deceased; Rosa Ella, wife of Frank Vallentine, of Morristown; Lizzie, who married James Glenn, of Bloomingdale; Annie, wife of John Hudson, of Morristown; and Kate, wife of Michael Keyley, of Morristown.

George Edward Trumbour was reared in his native town and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. When the duties of the school-room were to him a thing of the past he began to learn the trade of tack-making in Boonton, which he followed for four years, when he turned his attention to nail-making, in which line he was employed in Somerset, Massachusetts, and in Montreal, Canada. In the latter city he was in the employ of the Watson Rolling Mill Company, and on leaving the British domain he returned to his former employer in Somerset, with whom he continued until March 29, 1878. In that year he removed to Bloomingdale and accepted a position with the Rubber Comb & Jewelry Company, his duties being to press pistol handles. He has remained in continuous employment with that company and its successor, the Butler Hard Rubber Company, and his capability and fidelity have led to his promotion from time to time, until in 1886, when Mr. Trumbour was recognized by Superintendent William Kiel as the chief expert in his line of work and was placed in the important position of foreman of the pistol-handle and pressing department. His duties were also increased with the management of the harness-trimming room and later he was entrusted with the full superintendency of the dress-bone and casting department. In this position his early training in the iron industry came into practice, and in his different positions to which he was assigned he proved himself proficient in his art.

In 1898 the Butler Hard Rubber Company was absorbed by the American Hard Rubber Company, and in the general condensation of the factory into three departments, Superintendent William Kiel intrusted Mr. Trumbour with the responsible position as his chief assistant in the gun and molding department. He has shown himself to be one of the most careful and efficient workmen in this great plant; he makes his employers' interest his own, and all his energies are directed toward securing perfection in the department over which he has charge.

Mr. Trumbour was married in Boonton, April 13, 1878, to Miss Joanna, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Brady) Frawley, and six children bless their union namely: George, Thomas, Maggie, Annie, Edward and Eulalia. Mr. Trumbour is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion and his love of music is manifest by his connection with the Butler Silver Cornet Band. He is a man of many pleasing social qualities and is popular in business and private life.

ISAAC QUINBY GURNEE.

Of the many employees of the Butler Hard Rubber Company, none stand more loyally by the interests of the corporation or labor more zealously in the faithful performance of duty than this gentleman, who for nineteen years has been an employee of this company and its predecessor. Diligence, enterprise and thoroughness are numbered among his conspicuous characteristics and commend him to the confidence and good will of his employers.

Mr. Gurnee was born in Parsippany, Morris county, March 3, 1865, and is a representative of a family that has furnished to state and nation men of considerable prominence. His first American ancestor comes from primitive colonial stock. His paternal ancestors can be traced backed to 1685. That year is noted in the history of France for the great folly and crime known as the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Among the Huguenots who fled from that country and found here a haven of refuge was Isaac Garnier, who settled in New Rochelle, New York, and whose will, dated July 7, 1727, mentions his wife, Elizabeth, and children Francois, Isaac, Mary and Elizabeth. Francois, his son, came to Haverstraw in 1729, and purchased from Thomas Barker of Cow-neck, Long Island (then a part of Westchester county), lot No. 6, in Conkling Range in Kakiat. This region embraced a large part of the towns of Haverstraw and Clarkstown, and was a portion of the great patent of Kakiat granted in 1696 to Daniel Honan and others. Francois and his descendants were the most extensive land-owners in that region. As in the case of many French names, the original form has been disused and the present descendants of this family now bear the name of Gurney or Gurnee, the latter being the more common form. No family in Rockland county has held a higher position than this, and their representatives are very numerous. Among them may be mentioned General Benjamin Gurnee, Abraham Gurnee, member of the assembly from 1818 to 1825 and afterward state senator, Colonel William Gurnee and the Hon. Walter S. Gurnee, mayor of Chicago in 1851.

Francis, second son of Francois, died about 1825, leaving two children: Anna, the mother of ex-Mayor Hewitt, of New York, and William, who resided near the ancestral home of his paternal grandfather at the head of the mountain near the town of Haverstraw. This is the junction of several highways, and is a locality known from earliest times as Gurnee's Corners. Francis Gurnee, grandfather of our subject, was the son of William Gurnee, and was born near the spot where the French refugee first settled and there passed a large portion of his life as a schoolmaster and merchant. The genealogical line runs as follows, and consists of eight generations: Isaac,

died 1727; children, Francois, Isaac, Mary and Elizabeth. Francois was the father of ten children: John, born December 12, 1729; Francis, Stephen, Isaiah, Isaac, Eli, James, Hester, Elizabeth and Anna.

The descendants of Francis (son of Francois) are two children: Anna, wife of John Hewitt; and William, who married Elizabeth Drummond and whose children were Francis, James, Jessie, William, Elizabeth, John, Edward and Mary.

Of these children of Francis (son of Francois) the eldest son Francis, who died in 1874, married Leah, daughter of John Demorest and secondly Margaret E. Mead; his children are William *Z.*, Elenor, Elizabeth, Frank, Harry, Anna and Myra.

William *Z.* Gurnee, the father of our subject, was known for many years as a successful merchant of Parsippany and Newark, New Jersey. In 1860 he married Marianna Quinby, whose family can lay claim to the respectable antiquity of five hundred years. This family was supposed to have come over to England in the Danish invasion, and the surname originating at Quarmby or Quermby near Hothertfield in Yorkshire, and the first on record was Hugh de Quarmby (1341) in the reign of King Edward the III. Branches of this family moved to Farnham Surry, near London, and in the south chancel of the old church at Farnham is a tablet to commemorate Robert Quynbe, one of the first bailiffs of Farnham. A rubbing from this tablet is in the possession of Dr. G. A. Quinby, of New York city, and reads as follows: "Here lyethe the bodye of Robert Quynbe, gentleman, who departed out of this world on the tenthe day of September, Anno Domini 1570."

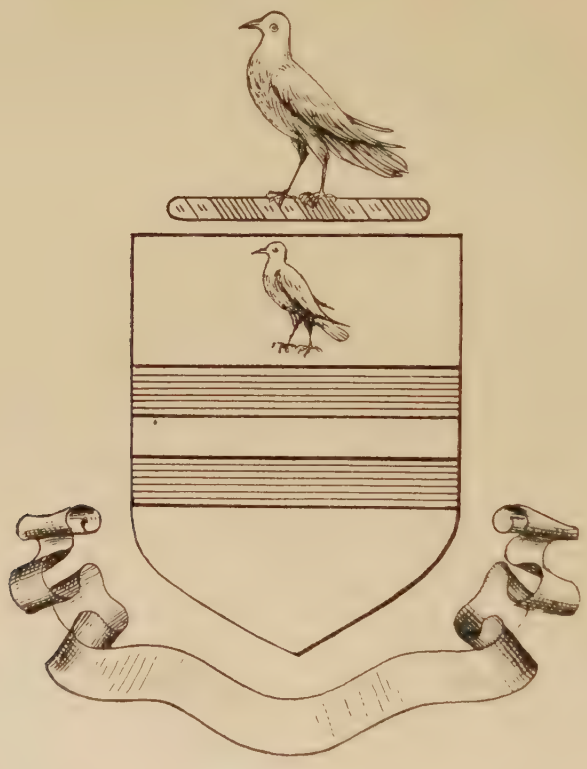
According to tradition, the Quinbys were early settled at Stratford on Avon, and were said to be related to the Bard of Avon through Judith Shakespeare, who married Richard Quinny. Dr. G. A. Quinby, while in Europe, had a search instituted by Culleton's Heraldic Office, London, to prove this tradition, and after years of researches, Culleton has upset this theory and proved conclusively that the Quinbys have never lost the letter b in their name, and disproves all the statements which have been published in this country. (Bolton's History of Westchester, the Founders and Builders of the Oranges.) The coat of arms which has been described in various histories in this country is incorrect, as it belongs to the descendants of Shakespeare through Richard Quinny. The correct coat of arms is herewith described, and the first to be published in this country, as given below: Quarmby, Quynbe, etc. *Arms*, Argent, two bars, sable in chief, a ppr. Cornish chough. *Crest*, a Cornish chough as in arms. *Motto.*

The following is an extract from the register of the parish church of Farnham Surry, from their commencement in 1539 to A. D. 1660, made by J. W. Burringham, parish clerk.

"*Christened:* A. D. 1551, June 13th, Annie Quinby; 1552, Nov. 28, Lathorm Quinbye; 1557–8–9–60, no register kept; 1562, Feby. 24, Henry Quenby; Nov. 19, George Quaybe. ?

"*Marriages:* A. D. Apr. 29, ?, William Mollyness and Elizabeth Quymby; 1571, Aug. 27, John Miller and Mary Quymbye; 1572, Feb. 18, Thomas Irve and Elizabeth Quynby; 1581, Feb. 6, Robert Winn and Katherine Quimby.

"*Burials:* 1563, Francis Quinby. 1566, Richard Alyne Quinby; 1568, June 15th, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Quinbye; Sept. 10, 1570, Robert Quynbye, gentleman; 1570, Dec. 31, Margarette, otherwise called Mother Quinbye; 1582, January 26, Jane Quinby. (J. W. B.)"



"Also in Culleton's researches are mentioned Rev. John Quinbye, vicar of Farnham Surry, Fellow of New Hall, Oxford, 1522–8. Will Aug. 30, 1557, proved 12 Nov. '57. John Quinbye of London, will 28 July, 1556, proved 3 May, 1557, died unmarried. Rev. Anthony Quinbye, of Farnham, fellow of New Hall, Oxford, died unmarried 20 May, 1559. Katherine, Elizabeth and Andrew, also four children mentioned not by name in their uncle John's will. Thomas Allen Quarmby died 14 Feb., 1582. George Quinbye, will dated 1584. Edward Quinbye, of London, will dated 1596. Thomas Quinby and

Goodman Quembye, his descendant, the American ancestor, landed in Salem, Mass., about 1630."

There were two children mentioned, John and Robert.* William, son of Robert, took oath of fidelity at Amesbury, New England, 1677. From this branch originated the Quinbys of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, the older branch remaining in New England. Tradition† says the Stratford Company was organized at Wethersfield and Hartford in 1639, and contained seventeen families, among whom was William Quemby. He came with a wife and two children, John and Thomas. This was the company of sturdy Puritans, robust in thought as in person, that came through the wilderness to Stratford on foot and horseback, and forded the Housatonic somewhere above Stratford. What few household goods which were too heavy to bring were doubtless sent around by water. Stratford is supposed to have been named by John Quenby. There is a large tract of land that is called Quemby's Neck and belonged to the Quemby family in early days. The lot No. 7, where William located, lies in the heart of the present town of Stratford. At this period the name was changed to Quenby. Two of his sons, John in 1654, and Thomas 1660, appear on the record of the town by this name. In 1654 John and William, sons of William, settled in Westchester county, New York, and were patentees in the town of Westchester. John was one of the principal proprietors of New Castle in the same county, and was appointed a magistrate in 1662 by Governor Stuyvesant. He married a Deborah Haight and had five children,—John, Charles, Josias, Mary and Deborah.

Josias (1st), his son, married Mary Mulleneux in 1689, and they had eleven children. Their son Josias (2d), born in 1692, married Hannah Cornell, and their son Josias (3d) was born in 1726. About this time the name was changed to Quimby as Ephraim, born February 7, 1700, and Isaiah, born April 11, 1716, sons of Josias and Mary Mulleneux, [who] moved to Anwell, New Jersey, and founded the Hunterdon county branch. Ephraim died in 1767, his will being recorded in Trenton. He married Elizabeth Halliday, and his children were Daniel, Samuel, who founded the Ohio branch, Ephraim, Mary and Sarah.

Josias (3d) married, in 1747, Martha Harrison and settled in Orange about 1746, and his will is dated 1805 in Essex county. This branch at this time substituted the letter n for m, and founded the Essex and Morris county branch. This Josias (3d) ("Officers and Men of the Revolution,"—General Striker) was a lieutenant of the Third Battalion of the first establishment of the New Jersey Line in 1776, of Captain Potter's company, and owned a

*Index to New England Families.
†Orcutt's History of Stratford.

large farm in the region of Lewellan Park. He had five sons and seven daughters: Aaron, born in 1754 and died in 1824; Moses, born in 1749 and died in 1825 (James Moses, ex-mayor of Newark, was a descendant of this branch); Dr. Joseph, who died in Westfield, New Jersey, in 1835; John, who was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, served in the First Battalion, second establishment, First Regiment; and Josias (4th), born in 1762, who married Phœba Harrison, of Orange; the daughters were Patty, Jemmima, Sarah (born in 1753), Phœba, who died February 14, 1789, and Hannah.

Josias (4th) moved to Troy Hills, New Jersey, about 1796 and died in 1835. His children were Isaac, Colonel James (founder of the Maryland branch), Dr. Josias (5th), who settled in Flemington, New Jersey; Phœba, Martha, Rachael, Jemmima, David and Moses.

His son, Judge Isaac Quinby, was born in Orange 1788, died 1865, and moved to Parsippany from Troy Hills, and married Sarah Dehart and was the father of eleven children. He was a well-to-do farmer and served as judge from 1829 to 1836, also a member of the state legislature in 1844. His children were Phœba, William, Alonzo, Isaac, Dewitt, Eugene, George A., Sarah, Emma, and Marianna, mother of our subject. His sons were all distinguished in the walks of life they chose to follow.

Isaac Quinby, a graduate of Princeton, was appointed a cadet at West Point and was a room and class mate of General Grant, and graduated the sixth in his class. He entered the artillery service and served with distinction under Generals Taylor and Scott in the Mexican war. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was appointed colonel of the Thirteenth New York Volunteers and distinguished himself in the first battle of Bull Run under General Sherman. He was afterward promoted as brigadier-general and served under General Grant in the Vicksburg campaign. After the war he was appointed United States marshal of the northern part of New York state and was professor of mathematics at West Point and for a period of thirty years professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at the Rochester University.

He married a daughter of Colonel Gardner, of the United States Army. Their children were Dehart, lieutenant in the United States Army; Frank, Kate, Ruth, Lois, Carrie, Arnott, Edward, and John, who is the senior lieutenant and ordnance officer on the United States cruiser Vesuvius, and was the executive officer on that cruiser during the bombardment of Santiago, being assigned to that position on account of his expert knowledge of the handling of high explosives.

Alonzo, son of Judge Quinby, took up the study of law and practiced his profession in Morristown under Judge Scofield. In 1849 he emigrated to California and married Minerva Moody, of New York state, was in the legisla-

ture from 1855 to 1858, and became prominent in state affairs; was an unsuccessful aspirant to the United States senate and was mayor of San Jose for two terms. His children were Frederick, Myra and Minnie.

William, son of Judge Quinby, entered the medical profession and was highly esteemed in Morristown, where he had a large practice. He left one daughter, Mary. Dr. G. A. Quinby, a retired physician of New York city, who has a son, George T. Quinby, is a son of Judge Quinby. Another son was the late ex-Judge Dewitt C. Quinby, of Morris county. The remaining son, Eugene, is a highly respected farmer of Parsippany.

Phœba, one of the daughters, married Davis Vail, and their children are Sarah, Eliza, Emma, Theodore N. (one of the founders of the Bell Telephone Company), Isaac, Alonzo, Mary and Louisa. Emma, another daughter, married George Cobb, of Newark, and died without issue. The youngest daughter of Judge Quinby, Marianna, was born in 1837 and wedded William Z. Gurnee, father of our subject, in 1860. Their children are Eugene A., born in 1863, who married Katherine Debaun in 1885 and has two children,—Peter Debaun and Bessie. Leah, wife of A. J. Harrison, married in 1887, and has three children,—Maud, Clara and Harlowe. Emma married George Williams in 1898; William T.; and Clara, born 1869, died 1890. Eugene A. and William T. are connected with the New York Telephone Company.

Isaac Q. Gurnee, our subject, received his education in the public school and devoted himself earnestly to his books and excelled particularly in mathematics. He showed an early inclination toward mechanics. At the early age of fourteen he finished his studies in the village school and entered upon his business career, acting as office boy for the Rubber Comb & Jewelry Company, of Butler, and later he was assigned to duty in the turning room, having charge of the clerical work there. This is one of the most important departments in the factory and one which requires exceptional intelligence and mechanical skill in him who conducts its affairs. In 1882, when but eighteen years of age, Mr. Gurnee had mastered the duties and many details of the work in his department and was given full charge of same as foreman on the reorganization of the company into the American Hard Rubber Company, in 1898. He was appointed by Superintendent William Kiel as his principal assistant in the sundry departments, under whom he has gained his practical experience in the hard-rubber industry, in which capacity he now serves with credit to himself and his employers.

On the 30th of May, 1885, Mr. Gurnee was married, in Newark, to Miss Margaret Sebald, daughter of John Sebald, a veteran of the Civil war and a boot and shoe dealer, of Butler, New Jersey. They have an interesting little family of two children,—Eugene C. and Charlie Q. Their friends in the community are many, and both Mr. and Mrs. Gurnee are widely and favorably known.

GEORGE H. MAXFIELD.

This citizen of Butler was born in Boonton, New Jersey, June 16, 1857. His father, Charles Maxfield, who has been a resident of Butler since 1866, was born at Long Bridge, Deverill, Somersetshire, England, in 1829, and in 1856 came to the United States. He was attracted to Boonton by reason of the fact that it was the home of his uncle, John Maxfield, who was prominently connected with the Boonton Iron Works, being in the service of the company for the long period of forty-seven years. In 1858 Charles Maxfield removed to Morristown and from that point enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, Fifty-eighth New Jersey Volunteers, which command was attached to the First New Jersey Brigade, Second Division, Sixth Army Corps. He participated in much of the hard fighting of the Army of the Potomac up to the battle of Spottsylvania, in which engagement his left leg was broken and a portion of it carried away by a piece of shell. He was then placed in the Mount Pleasant Hospital, and though afterward discharged as "cured," his injuries have caused that limb to shrink until it is now two and a half inches shorter than the other. Both before and since the war Charles Maxfield was engaged in house-painting, but for a long time has been unable to work, and is now living with his son, George H.

Before leaving his native land he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Smith, who died in 1865, leaving five children, namely: Sarah A., wife of Frank Bullock, of Millville, New Jersey; George H.; M. Amy, who married Harry Fuhrmann, of Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel, wife of Augustus Cramer, of New York; and Charles J., a barber, of Port Norris, this state.

George H. Maxfield, of this review, spent his youth in Vliettown, Somerset county, where he was reared to farm life. On the 26th of February, 1879, he came to Butler and secured a position in the finishing department of the Butler Hard Rubber Works. As he learned the business and became an efficient and competent workman he was advanced from time to time and in 1887 was made foreman of the polishing department, and at present has full charge of the comb department, in which capacity he has since served, winning the commendation of the company and the respect of those who serve under his direction. He is diligent, steadfast and trustworthy, and while he desires that the men of his department shall do their best work he is always just and ever ready to encourage and aid those who wish to secure advancement through fidelity to duty.

Mr. Maxfield is well known as an ardent Republican, being a man of firm convictions, which he readily expresses as proper occasion offers. He is ever found on the side of such measures as will promote the public good,

whether secular or religious, and is one of the leading members of the Methodist church, having heartily co-operated in securing the location of the new tabernacle on Bartholdi avenue, Butler.

In Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in 1882, Mr. Maxfield married Miss Emma, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Sutton, and to them were born three children—John S., William E. and Emma J. The mother died in 1890, and Mr. Maxfield has since wedded Amanda J. Haycock, daughter of Peter and Jane Haycock, the marriage being celebrated in July, 1894. Their home is a beautiful residence situated on a splendid site at the head of Bellevue avenue, overlooking the city, and was constructed after plans made by the subject of this review.

HON. THEODORE F. RANDOLPH.

The New Jersey Randolphs—or Fitz-Randolphs, as they once wrote themselves—came to Middlesex county, New Jersey, from Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1630, to which place they emigrated from Nottinghamshire, England, in 1622. They were of the emigrants who left England for "conscience' sake"—a portion of those of that name landing at Massachusetts Bay and another portion in Virginia, during the years from 1621 to 1630. The Randolphs of England have had a prominent place in English history from early in the tenth century, as have those of Scotland, from whom "the Bruce" of Scottish history was descended. All of the American Randolphs are from English and Scottish stock, and all are directly descended from the "adventurers" who, sailing from England in 1621–30, landed in Massachusetts or Virginia. Most of those who thus came, and who had Scotch blood in them, wrote their name Fitz-Randolph, while those of unmixed English blood retain the simple name of Randolph.

Theodore F. Randolph, the subject of this sketch, was born at New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 24, 1826. His father, James F. Randolph, was the founder of the Fredonian and for forty years its editor. He also filled many offices of public trust, among them being that of a representative in congress from 1824 to 1830. The mother of Theodore was the daughter of Phineas Carman, and his grandparents were active Revolutionists during the war for independence. Theodore F. Randolph was educated at Rutgers grammar school, New Brunswick; entered upon mercantile life at sixteen years of age, and spent the succeeding ten years as a clerk, accountant, and principal in business, mostly in southern states. During his school days he partly learned, in spare hours, to be a printer, and was also given a subordinate position in editorial work. In 1852, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, Mr. Randolph married a daughter of Hon. N. D. Coleman, a member of congress

from the Maysville district, Kentucky. The succeeding year he moved to Easton, Pennsylvania, and immediately thereafter to Jersey City, engaging in the business of mining coal and transporting iron and ores. In 1859 he was elected from the first district of Jersey City to the house of assembly of the state legislature. By his party friends he was tendered the speakership of the house at this session, and declined it. The session of 1859–60 was the one immediately preceding the outbreak of the Civil war. As a "war Democrat" Mr. Randolph was put on many important committees, among them the committee on federal relations, which reported at his suggestion the bill appointing commissioners to the peace congress of 1861. The commission was strictly non-partisan, and included the leading statesmen of both political parties in New Jersey. Mr. Randolph was also a member of the special or war session of 1861, which convened April 30th. On the first of May he introduced and had passed the first bill giving relief to families of volunteers. He also suggested and advocated many of the principal appropriation bills during this session.

In October, 1861, Mr. Randolph was elected from the county of Hudson to the senate of the state to fill a vacancy, and thereafter was mainly in charge of legislation connected with the federal affairs during the session of 1861–2. In August, 1862, he was appointed by Governor Olden the commissioner of draft for Jersey City and Hudson county. This office he held till the close of the year, sending forward, as volunteers, however, several thousand men. In November, 1862, Mr. Randolph was re-elected to the senate of New Jersey for three years, receiving six thousand three hundred of the six thousand four hundred votes cast. During this term, beginning with 1863, he was chairman and a member of the committees on finance, federal relations, taxation, etc. He began during this term the advocacy of a more equitable system of taxation between corporations and the people, resulting somewhat later in powerful antagonisms to him. He also led the opposition to a scheme by which the state was to be burdened with nearly ten million dollars of local bounties; and introduced and had passed the first relief bill which extended equal benefits and bounties to white and colored volunteers.

The office of state controller was created in 1865, at Mr. Randolph's suggestion, the bills of the state amounting to many millions of dollars since the war had opened, suggesting this additional safeguard. The creation of this office is said to have saved half a million of dollars to the state during the first few years of its existence.

In 1867 Mr. Randolph was elected president of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, resigning the position, however, in 1869, upon his election as governor. During his presidency there was completed the main line across the state to Pennsylvania; a branch road built to Chester; an extension

made of the Montclair branch and the Boonton division branch, and the whole line was open to the coal and iron trade, nearly doubling in eighteen months the gross tonnage of the company and its money receipts, and advancing its securities largely. He then negotiated the existing lease, by which the Morris & Essex stockholders and bondholders are guaranteed in perpetuity seven per cent. upon par value.

In January, 1869, Mr. Randolph was sworn in office as governor of New Jersey. His term of office—three years—was filled with unusual affairs, and they can only be rapidly alluded to. His first message—at once after his inaugural—was aimed at the abolition of the so-called Camden & Amboy monopoly, which had substantially controlled state affairs during the previous thirty years. At the outset of his administration a law was put in force which forever abolished the "transit duties" on passengers and freight across New Jersey, and substantially concluded the hated railway monopoly agreement with the state. The state public treasury, moreover, was largely benefited under the operation of the new law.

An effort, powerfully backed, was made in 1869 to "bond" certain cities and townships of the state, ostensibly to aid in railway construction. Some favorable legislation had been obtained under a preceding administration, and the scheme presented in 1869 was most specious and attractive as well as dangerous. After a severe contest and several vetoes all these measures, involving many millions, were finally defeated by the governor.

During 1869 Governor Randolph advocated and appointed the first riparian commission. The labors of this body have given an income to the the state of over three million dollars.

In 1870 he urged the passage of a system of general laws by which all special legislation should be avoided. This system was finally adopted by the state. The more noted recommendation of Governor Randolph during 1870 was that which was contained in the annual and in special messages to the legislature touching the taxation of corporations. In these he urged that corporate capital, being the possessor of special privileges, was peculiarly the subject of taxation. These messages gave rise to much controversy. During this period the legislature gave authority to the governor to appoint a commission to remodel the state house, and he was the president of that commission, which began and completed the work. The state prison inmates had been a source of large cost to the treasurer for many years prior to this administration. The shops were enlarged, the business carried on in them reformed and during this gubernatorial term a saving to the state of more than one hundred thousand dollars was effected. A disturbance known as the Berger riot occurred during 1870. Large bodies of men were opposing each other and hundreds of trains were delayed. The riot was quelled by

the governor without serious injury to any one, and the conflicting railway companies were brought into court to settle their difficulties.

The legislative session of 1871 was a noted one, principally on account of the passage of "an act to reorganize the government of Jersey City." The act was vetoed by Governor Randolph in a message of unusual severity. It was finally passed by a strict partisan majority over the veto. Within sixteen months its principal advocate was in state prison, and Jersey City has ever since been oppressed by wrongs which that charter made possible. The "election bribery law," which was most effectively enforced in every county of the state by Governor Randolph, was written by him and urged upon and passed by the legislature during this session.

Of other public acts of this period the most memorable one, perhaps, is that known as the Orange proclamation. It was occasioned by the decision of a body of Orangemen to parade in Jersey City on their anniversary day (July 12th), which action was promptly met by others proposing to prevent the parade. A highly excited condition of affairs in New York city irritated, no doubt, the contending parties in New Jersey. Large bodies of men were known to be gathering for unfriendly purposes, and Governor Randolph, acting upon established information, finally issued the so-called Orange proclamation. It asserted the the right of peaceful assemblage by citizens, irrespective of nationality, creed or religion. It warned all people against interference with such right. It commanded all officers to enforce the laws, and, though closing with a rebuke to the Orangemen for reviving an unnecessary religious and political feud, of no general interest to Americans, it assured the people that the right of assemblage would be asserted and protected "at any cost." The proclamation was followed by an order for state troops to the number of three thousand. The laws were enforced. No serious injury came to any person in New Jersey, although, from causes the same and occurring at the same hours, on the New York side of the Hudson many lives were unfortunately lost.

Upon the recommendation of Governor Randolph the legislature during 1869 gave authority for the purchase, with the governor's approval, of a site for a new lunatic asylum. He approved of the site near Morris Plains, appointed the commissioners to prepare plans and begin the work, and took an earnest and active part in the construction of the great edifice till its completion and occupancy.

The great fire at Chicago occurred during Mr. Randolph's administration, and he promptly issued a proclamation which was responded to so promptly and generously by the people of New Jersey that car-loads of clothing and provisions, and thousands of dollars, were *en route* to Chicago before the flames were subdued.

An interesting and novel case occurred toward the close of his administration. The chancellor summoned Governor Randolph to appear before him in court to answer touching the executive action on a certain legislative bill, which it was claimed should have been filed with the state department and thus become law. The governor denied the power of the chancellor to inquire into executive action or non-action; a long controversy occurred, the governor maintaining throughout that the executive was amenable alone —as to his official acts—to the legislature.

In 1875 Mr. Randolph was elected to the senate of the United States, in which he served the term of six years. Much of this time he was chairman of the military committee, and all the time was a member of the committee on commerce. He was on various other committees, as those of education, civil-service reform, and the centennial exhibition, and was also on a special senate committee appointed to examine political frauds in South Carolina. His speeches—not many in number—were upon the count of the election vote, the centennial exhibition, the bi-metallic and other financial questions, the case of General Fitz John Porter, the use of troops at polling places, etc. They are of recent history and therefore do not need special reference. The speech upon mono-metalism had an especially large publication and circulation.

Mr. Randolph has filled other positions not herein enumerated; as, a delegate to national and state conventions; chairman of the executive national Democratic committee; president of the Washington Headquarters Association, of which he is one of the founders; trustee of the Rutgers College and other institutions, and director of many corporations and institutions of which no record has been given us.

WILLIAM H. BAKER.

Henry Baker, the grandfather of William H., resided about a half mile from Westfield church, in Union county, New Jersey, on the road to Springfield. He married Mary Hedges, of Long Island, and they had six children, —five sons and one daughter. Their fourth son, Jeremiah, was the father of William H.

William Hedges Baker, the subject of this sketch, was born January 3, 1806, and was married June 15, 1848, to Clarissa, daughter of Thomas and Maria Dell. They had ten children,—Jeremiah, William H., Mary K. (wife of Dr. Samuel D. Johnston), Anna M. (wife of Horace L. Dunham), Andrew K., David, Phebe H., Thomas, Henrietta and Lydia J.,—of whom seven are now living. The oldest, who was a tanner and farmer, died in 1873.

David died suddenly, October 18, 1881, lacking only ten days of his majority; and Phebe, November 1 following, in her nineteenth year.

Mr. Baker owned, in connection with his brother Henry, the Baker homestead, the Valley forge, a gristmill, and two iron mines. The DeHart Baker mine, located on Mine Hill, was developed by the Baker brothers, and afterward, while under lease to S. T. Scranton & Company, was sold to lessees and Messrs. Waterman and Beaver, in 1873. It is now owned by Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia. The other mine, also called the Baker mine, in the township of Rockaway and near the homestead, was leased a number of years to the Allentown Iron Company and was very productive. Two veins cross the property,—the Mount Pleasant and the large vein which is extensively operated on the adjoining Richards mine lot of the Thomas Iron Company. At present they are not operated, having become exhausted. The Baker brothers are also owners of other farming, mining and timber lands. Probably the most valuable timber land in the county was owned by them. Their business operations were extensive and varied. Mr. Baker died June 27, 1876, quite suddenly, of heart disease, as he was sitting in his house conversing with a neighbor.

In politics he was a Democrat. He inherited his father's industrious habits and good business qualities. He was an upright, honest, kind and obliging man, greatly esteemed in the community, and his loss was deeply regretted. He was strongly attached to his home and family, and rarely went away from Mount Pleasant, but left all outside business matters to be managed by his brother Henry.

It is a remarkable fact that the Baker homestead has been in the possession of the family nearly a century. It was located by Jacob Ford in 1757, was known as the Jonah Austen plantation in 1774, and was afterward the the property of Josiah Beaman, the iron manufacturer of Dover, by whom it was sold in 1792 to Jeremiah Baker, who devised it to his two sons, Henry and William H., in 1861.

HENRY BAKER.

The Baker family, of which the subject of sketch (as well as William Hedges Baker, whose biography appears elsewhere) was a member, is of English descent. The earliest history of the family in this country dates from the settlement of Easthampton, on Long Island, where Thomas Baker, who had emigrated from England, first settled some time previous to 1700, and from which place he removed to Connecticut Farms (now Union county), where he died.

Jeremiah Baker, the father of Henry, was born August 28, 1770, near

Westfield, New Jersey, where his father, Henry Baker, resided. He learned his trade of tanner and currier and also that of shoemaker, with his brother-in-law, Ziba Ludlow, at Mendham, New Jersey, and removed to a point near Mount Pleasant (in what was then Pequannock township), near Dover, in June, 1792. Here, having worked at his trade about three years, he bought the property of Josiah Beaman, built a tannery and carried on the business until he was succeeded by his sons Henry and William H. In addition to his tanning business he was a large land-owner, owning at the time much of the site of Dover. He was also extensively engaged in iron manufacture. He was a man of great industry, very conscientious and just in his dealings with his fellow men. He was a liberal supporter of the Rockaway Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member more than forty years. In 1798 he was married to Mary, daughter of Andrew King. She was born June 9, 1778. Her children were Andrew K., Henry, Elizabeth (who married James B. Carroll), William H., Nancy W. (Mrs. William H. Spencer), Phebe H. (wife of John De Hart, of Parsippany), and Margaret.

Henry Baker was born at the homestead near Dover, April 29, 1801. He was reared a tanner and a shoemaker, but as he grew older he engaged extensively in other departments of business in partnership with his brother William H. They jointly carried on the business of tanning and currying, milling and manufacturing iron, as well as farming. They were also joint owners of several valuable iron mines.

Mr. Baker was married October 30, 1869, to Lydia J. Jenners. They have no children. He has always been a resident of the town in which he was born, and by industry, energy and perseverance he has acquired an ample competency.

MAHLON MUNSON SEARING.

The eastern states of this republic, in the early days of American history, were largely settled by an earnest, thoughtful, intelligent and able people, many of whom fled from religious persecution in their own lands to seek personal safety and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience in the New World. Among these were many Huguenots from France, and this heroic band included within its circle three brothers of the name of Searing. One of them settled on Long Island, where ultimately the town of Searingville sprang up. The other two came to New Jersey, locating at Springfield, near Newark, where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits at the time of the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, and their farms were devastated and their stock driven off by the Brit-

ish, who, stationed in New York city, made raids into the surrounding country and took all the supplies they could seize for the army.

The first of the Searing family to locate in Morris county was John Searing, who established a home near Millbrook church. He had six children, three sons and three daughters, the former being Samuel, John and Jacob. Only the first named married. He had twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, and with one exception all married and reared families. Only two of these are now living: James S., a resident of Dover, and John S., of Millbrook. The grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Mary (Martin) Searing, both born and reared in Morris county. Martin V. B. Searing, the father of our subject, was born in the village of Millbrook, in Randolph township, and married Sarah E. Munson.

M. Munson Searing, of this sketch, was born in Millbrook, near the old Quaker meeting-house, January 16, 1862 and spent the first six years of his life on the old homestead, when his parents removed to Dover and he began his education there, attending first the public schools and later a private school. He then entered Stephens Institute at Hoboken, New Jersey, where he pursued his studies two years, and subsequently he took a commercial course at Gregory's Business College, in Newark, where he was graduated with the class of 1878. Thus equipped with a thorough, comprehensive and practical English education, he entered upon his business career in the employ of H. P. Sanderson, a merchant, and later he secured a situation with the Morris County Machine & Iron Company, of Dover, continuing in that position for nearly three years. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Singleton Silk Mills Company, at Dover, as bookkeeper, and from time to time had temporary charge of various departments of the works until having mastered the business, he became the secretary and treasurer of the company, of which responsible position he is now the incumbent. He has been associated with this enterprise for the long period of seventeen consecutive years and is now one of the stockholders in the company.

As Mr. Searing has won success and added to his financial resources, he has made judicious investments in other enterprises, being now a stockholder in the National Union Bank, of Dover, a director of the local board of the State Mutual Building & Loan Association and a stockholder in the Stonebraker Chemical Company, of Baltimore, Maryland. He is a very capable business man, with keen insight into affairs, great sagacity and unflagging industry, and thus has he advanced steadily on the highway of prosperity, gathering to himself the well earned fruits of his toil.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Searing and Miss Mary Augustus Pyle, of Hackettstown, New Jersey, a daughter of Felix C. and

Elizabeth (Sayer) Pyle. They now have one son, Howard C. Their home is an elegant brick residence, supplied with all modern appointments, and furnished with all the comforts and luxuries that a refined taste can suggest, but one of its chief attractions is the charming hospitality extended to all people of genuine worth. The circle of their friends is very extensive and all who know them hold them in the highest esteem.

THE CONDICT FAMILY.

The ancestry of the Condict family, one of the oldest in Morris county, can be traced back to John Condict, who is recorded as having purchased lands in Newark, New Jersey, in 1689. He was the founder of the various branches of the family in America, and tradition says that he removed from England to Wales, and thence to the New World. It is certainly known that he was of Norman descent, and at one time the name was spelled Conduit. One of his relatives married a sister of Sir Isaac Newton, and near the monument of that celebrated philosopher in Westminster Abbey, London, is that of Johannes Conduit. In the first church graveyard in Morristown there is also a monument erected in memory of a member of the Condict family.

In 1741 Peter Condict is mentioned as one of the members of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown. Among his children was Ebenezer Condict, a very prominent man, who was married, March 16, 1762, to Huldah Byram, a daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Alden) Byram, and a great-granddaughter of John Alden, of Mayflower memory. Ebenezer Condict was a colonel in the Revolutionary war during the period when the army was stationed at Morristown. He died of smallpox while in the service, and during his last illness was cared for in the old church in Mendham, which at that time was utilized as a hospital by the American troops. His remains were interred in the cemetery there, and the monument which marks his last resting place may still be seen.

Silas Condict, son of Ebenezer, was a leading and influential citizen of Morristown and an extensive land-owner. He married Charlotte Ford, a great-granddaughter of Jonathan Dickinson, the first president of Princeton College. The children of Silas and Charlotte Condict were Ebenezer, Charles, Julia, Sydney, Marcia, Henry, Silas and Elliot. The only members of the family who continued to reside in Morris county were Marcia and Silas. The former married Gordon Burnham, who lived in Speedwell, and they had two children: Julia, who is now Mrs. Byram Sherman, and Frederick Gordon Burnham. The mother of this family, Mrs. Charlotte

(Ford) Condict, together with Mrs. Abigail Byram Lee, in 1810 established the first Sunday-school in Morris county—probably the first in New Jersey—in a barn on the farm of Mrs. Condict, at Littleton, New Jersey.

Silas Byram Condict, the only son of Silas and Charlotte Condict who remained in Morris county, lived on the old family homestead near Littleton, receiving that property through inheritance. At that time Rev. Albert Barnes was pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and preached many earnest and powerful sermons to his congregations. His righteous soul was stirred to its depths to find that a large portion of his more wealthy parishioners were regularly distilling apple jack and selling it in large quantities, finding it a prolific source of money-making. The good minister determined to overthrow the liquor traffic among his people and preached some very searching sermons, for distilleries were then of much more common occurrence than they are at the present day, and were not held in such abhorrence by the better class of people. These sermons had the desired effect on many of the parishioners of Mr. Barnes, including Silas Byram Condict, then a young man, who had recently come into possession of his property. Upon his place were large orchards, and like his neighbors he was accustomed to making apple jack. After listening to the burning words of his pastor, he determined to have nothing more to do with such a business, and quickly removed all temptation from him by cutting down all his apple trees, save enough to supply his own family with fruit. The same upright and practical Christianity characterized his entire life.

In his early manhood he married Miss Emeline Phillips, of Orange county, New Jersey, and to them were born two sons, George Phillips and John Elliott. The mother died soon after the birth of the second son, and seven years later Silas Byram Condict wedded Mary Johnson, by whom he had the following children: Walter, Emeline, Alice Byram, Jonathan Dickinson, Charlotte Ford, Silas Alden, Henry Vail and Winthrop. Of the sons, George Phillips and Walter became members of the Union army and valiantly defended the stars and stripes in the Civil war. The latter became a Presbyterian minister. He was born March 24, 1841, in Littleton, New Jersey, and as a student in Phillips Academy, of Andover, Massachusetts, prepared for Williams College, at Williamstown, Massachusetts. He entered the latter institution at the age of seventeen and was graduated in 1862. He had no love for war, and no ambition to achieve distinction in that way, but in his country's call he heard the voice of God and marched to the front as a member of Company I, Twenty-seventh Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers. He lay in the trenches before Fredericksburg and tramped through the blue-grass region of Kentucky with true soldierly devotion. On the return from the war he spent a year in the Union Theological Seminary, and

two years at Princeton, graduating in 1868. In the same year he was called to organize, and become the first pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church in Newark, New Jersey.

In 1870 he married Adelaide Burnet, who died in 1871, leaving one son. Later he married Miss Cornelia A. Eames, of Newark, New Jersey. He was a scholarly man of great spiritual power, an eloquent preacher, a sympathetic pastor, a thorough organizer and so catholic in spirit that his love and service could not be bounded by his own denomination. His last charge, from 1883 to 1888, was the Presbyterian church of Southampton, Long Island. His life work was done while fighting the hidden foe of disease. He contended for his life that he might serve his generation. He "fell asleep" October 24, 1888, leaving a widow and only son, Walter Halsted Condict, now a young lawyer of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Several of the descendants of Silas Byram Condict still reside in Morris county, Jonathan Dickinson being a resident of Madison; and Henry V. and Charlotte (wife of Joseph M. Lee) both living in Morristown. Jonathan Dickinson Condict makes his home in Madison, where he has resided for some years, taking an active interest in everything that pertains to its substantial development.

GEORGE J. FRITZ.

One of the most popular gentlemen, enterprising business men and reliable citizens of Butler is Mr. George J. Fritz, whose well spent life and sterling qualities have won him a circle of friends in Butler, that is only limited by his circle of acquaintances. He is recognized as a promoter of the varied interests which tend to the development of the town, the advancement of its welfare and the cultivation of æsthetic taste, and he is a valued factor in public life.

Mr. Fritz was born in Gernsheim on the Rhine, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, February 23, 1866, a son of Frank J. and Barbara Fritz (*née* Pfaff). His father was a native of Moerlenbach in Odenwald, born in 1842, and his mother was a native of Gernsheim, the birthplace of the inventor of printing, Peter Schaeffer, of the firm Schaeffer & Guttenberg, the pioneer printing company. Frank J. Fritz was a civil engineer and surveyor and had established a good business when death came to him in 1870. Several years later his widow married his brother, Adam H. Fritz, skilled in mechanics, who in 1882 brought the family to the United States and located in Butler, where he engaged as a mechanic with the Butler Hard Rubber Company, of which he is yet a respected employee, in the die-sinking and engraving department. Mrs. Fritz, who was born in 1846, is also living, and her children

are George J. Fritz, the subject of this sketch; Barbara, wife of George A. Guenter, cashier of the B. H. R. Company; Frank J., who is connected with the house of Thorburn & Company, Cortlandt street, New York city; Agnes, wife of Adam Snyder, cigar manufacturer, Butler; Mary A.; Charles J., deceased; and Annie.

George J. Fritz began his education in a kindergarten, later spent eight years in the public and Citizens' high school, at Gernsheim, and laid his text-books aside when fourteen years of age. Inclinations then led him to adopt his father's profession, and he went into the office of a practical surveyor and civil engineer, J. Zoerb, with whom he studied geometry and practical surveying for two and a half years, when his parents, with the entire family, journeyed across the Atlantic. Upon locating in Butler he put aside the business he had desired to follow and secured employment in the hard-rubber factory of his town, in which he has since grown up to become one of the confidential men of the business. He worked in various departments of the factory, familiarizing himself thoroughly with his duties, and in 1887 became one of the assistants to William Kiel, superintendent of the factory. His relations with the company through the number of years have been most pleasant, and his long, uninterrupted connection with the business is an unmistakable evidence of his fidelity to duty and his efficiency.

Although his entire energies are solely devoted to his work, he has never neglected the development of the mental and æsthetic side of nature, without which there can be no well rounded character nor pleasure in life. From his early years he manifested his father's inherited fondness for music, and about the time he became a student in the public schools his parents afforded him every opportunity for the study of music. He spent five years in orchestra practice under the direction of Professor J. Rapp, a military band-master who for thirty-six years had served in the German army as musical director and at length had been retired on a pension. Under such able instruction a foundation for a musical career was laid in Mr. Fritz, which was faithfully developed by hard study after his emigration to this country. Having been well trained in music theoretically, he soon became proficient as a performer on various instruments as well as a writer and arranger of music. Almost upon his arrival in Butler he accepted the voluntary position of organist in the primitive little St. Anthony's church, which service he has faithfully given ever since. He has done much to promote and solemnify, by his musical efforts, the services at New St. Anthony's shrine, the well known resort of pilgrimages in Butler; and the purchase of a pipe organ was largely due to his unremitting labors. As a leading musician, however, he has been principally identified with the Butler Silver Cornet Band, of which organization he has been the musical director since 1887, and whose excellent

musical condition is directly the fruit of his untiring labor. He is a highly patriotic citizen and his spirit has thoroughly entered into the band under his direction, so that this organization is to-day the pride of Butler. His unselfish manner, giving his full energies to the musical development of the band, has won the unlimited respect of his band associates, who heartily co-operate with him for the success of the organization.

Mr. Fritz is no politician, though his convictions are known to be in favor of protective doctrines and Republicanism. He has also been associated with the Catholic Benevolent Legion since the organization of Morning Star Council, No. 72, in Butler.

On June 29, 1891, Mr. Fritz was married to Miss Barbara Guenter, the daughter of Rudolph Guenter. They now have three interesting children: Frank A. R., born April 10, 1892; Agnes Maria, born January 21, 1895; and Leo George, born September 11, 1898. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fritz are Roman Catholics in their religious faith; they are of an amiable disposition and their home circle is of quiet happiness. Their courteous, kindly manner to all has won them the uniform regard of all whom they have met in business or social life.

EDWARD THEBAUD.

The above named gentleman was the son of Joseph Thebaud, who when a young man came to the United States, in 1792, holding the responsible position of agent of the French East India Company, as well as representatives of several French capitalists and merchants. He first settled in Boston, then for a short time in New Haven, finally establishing himself in the city of New York, where he soon became one of its leading merchants. He died in 1811, universally respected.

His son Edward, subject of this sketch, was born in Beekman street, New York city, in June, 1798. When very young he was sent to the Moravian College, at Nazareth, Pennsylvania, for his education. Upon attaining his majority he found an ample fortune awaiting him. Being, however, of industrial habits, and wishing to lead a mercantile life, he entered as clerk in the leading commercial house in that city—that of G. G. & S. Howland. He made several voyages as supercargo; and upon severing this connection formed a partnership with his father's old clerk, under the firm name of Bouchaud & Thebaud, which continued in great prosperity for many years. In 1826 he withdrew from the house, retiring to his estate near Morristown.

In 1823 Mr. Thebaud married the accomplished and beautiful daughter of the exiled French nobleman, Vincent Boisaubin, a sketch of whose life is given in this work. Upon the death of his father-in-law in 1834, Mr. Thebaud

removed to New York, having purchased an elegant mansion situated in Bleecker street and known as Leroy Place, where he resided for many years, retaining, however, a country seat at Morristown. He resumed business with his old partner, which continued until the retirement of the former in 1850. In this year he admitted his eldest son as partner, the firm now being Edward Thebaud & Son. In 1858, after a long and industrious business career, Mr. Thebaud retired from mercantile life, leaving his vast interests in the hands of his two sons (another son having in the meantime been received as partner), the firm name being changed to that of Edward Thebaud's Sons.

Edward Thebaud, soon after his retirement, with his wife and daughter visited numerous relatives in Europe. Upon his return he occupied his beautiful mansion situated at Madison and now known as Thebaud Place.

Mr. Thebaud, in his eighty-sixth year, died at his homestead and was buried in St. Vincent's cemetery. He was a man of fine personal appearance of agreeable manners and of friendly disposition, and was much respected by his fellow citizens, who attended his funeral in large numbers and caused the town flag to be lowered in his honor.

JACOB VANATTA.

Hon. Jacob Vanatta, whose superior mental endowments, splendid powers of analysis and brilliant oratorical gifts made him one of the most distinguished jurists that New Jersey has produced was born near Washington, Warren county, this state, June 4, 1824. He obtained a limited education in his youth, but possessed a love of study that brought to him a wide fund of information in later years. He became a man of scholarly attainments and in the law was one of the best informed jurists of New Jersey. He began the study of law in 1845, was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney in 1849 and as a counselor in 1853. Locating in Morris county, he soon gained a foremost place in the ranks of the legal fraternity, and for many years stood at the head of the profession in his native state. He was the legal representative of many of the most important corporations of New Jersey, including the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company and the Central Railroad Company. His clearness of thought, accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the science of jurisprudence, his clear and cogent reasoning and logical deduction, all gave him a force in this department of the law that made him the peer of the ablest.

Mr. Vanatta was always a firm and consistent Democrat and was an able political leader. In 1856 he was a delegate to the national convention which nominated James Buchanan for the presidency, and in 1860 he endorsed Stephen A. Douglas. He was a war Democrat throughout the

struggle between the north and the south. He held a few public positions, but in 1862 and 1863 was a member of the New Jersey legislature and was appointed attorney-general of the state by the governor, but after holding that position for about fifteen months was compelled to resign it because of the immense pressure of his private practice.

In 1852 Mr. Vanatta was united in marriage to a daughter of Dr. Aaron Dickerson, of Philadelphia. He died at his home in Morristown, April 30, 1879, and the city mourned the loss of one of its most honored and eminent men.

THE BLANCHET FAMILY.

Prominent among the old French residents who settled in Bottle Hill, now called Madison, New Jersey, at the beginning of the present century, was Monsieur Nicholas du Rest Blanchet. This gentleman was a native of Bordeaux, France, where some of his descendants—the de Bragelongnés—still reside in the family chateau, which was built several hundred years ago. Monsieur du Rest Blanchet came to this country direct from the island of Guadeloupe, where he possessed extensive and important interests; he also owned considerable property in old Bottle Hill, now Madison, as well as a fine estate of some thirty thousand acres in Grant county, Kentucky. He kept "open house" in those days, and was considered one of the wealthiest men of this locality. In 1812 he was united in marriage to Mademoiselle Henriette de la Rousseliere Roux, whose people were from St. Onge, France, and among the early French settlers on the island of Mauritius, which at that time was called "L'Isle de France."

To Monsieur Blanchet and his wife were born twelve children, of whom the following record is presented: Augustus D., afterward Major Blanchet, married Miss Sara Henriques, daughter of Jacob Henriques, a prominent New York banker. Henry married Miss Caroline du Puy, the daughter of an old and well known French-Swiss New York family. Hyacinth married Miss Jane Cooley, a resident of Greenwood Lake, New Jersey, and a sister-in-law of the artist, Jasper F. Cropsey: they reside in Blanchet, Kentucky. Léo, who promised his father, when the latter was dying, to devote himself to the care of his mother, fulfilled his promise, and the more effectually to do so remained single. His death occurred in 1893. Two other sons of Monsieur Blanchet died in infancy.

The daughters of the family were as follows: Laure Marie Antoinette, who, in 1824, at the age of ten years, was one of the delegation of young girls selected to welcome General LaFayette to Bottle Hill. In 1837 she became the wife of Monsieur Amédée Foignet, who came to America from

Guadeloupe, in 1834. He was the eldest son of Monsieur Alexandre Foignet, a native of Paris, France, who was sent to the island of Guadeloupe as procureur du roi, and was decorated by Louis Philippe for distinguished services rendered to the colonies. His wife was a Mademoiselle Marguerite Nadine del Rieu, also a member of one of the distinguished French families of the island. Monsieur Foignet, père, lost the greater part of his fortune in consequence of the devastating earthquake of 1843 and subsequent fire, and accordingly his son, Amédée, who had not been reared to any business pursuits, found it necessary to replace, by some means, the income he had received from the island. Consequently he entered the institute of Dr. Francis L. Hawkes, St. Thomas Hall, at Flushing, Long Island, as instructor of the French language. Some years later he opened a high-grade French academy for the instruction of boys, the principals being Foignet and Taylor. The institution was located at No. 739 Broadway, New York, and will be remembered by many prominent residents of that city to-day. In 1857 Monsieur Foignet formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Robert H. Hunter, which connection was continued until the death of Mr. Hunter on September 14, 1874. Mr. Hunter was well known in New York business circles, and owned a beautiful summer residence in Madison, where he spent much of his time. Monsieur Foignet died in New York city, August 24, 1877. Adèle, the second daughter of Monsieur Blanchet, married Alfred du Champ de Chastaignier, who also was from Guadeloupe, but a native of Toulon, France. For many years he resided in this vicinity, reared a large family, and eventually removed to the island of Martinique with his family, his death occurring there. Anaïs became the wife of H. H. Casey, a wealthy merchant of New York, and they had four children, the eldest of whom alone survives and is the widow of Colonel George Bliss, lately deceased. Cecelia married Dr. Gregory Phelan, and they moved with their children to San Francisco, California, where they now reside. Louise became a sister of charity and is now in a convent in Brooklyn, Long Island. Emma, the sixth daughter of M. Blanchet, died in infancy.

BENJAMIN C. GORDON.

This resident of Roxbury township, near Port Oram, was born November 30, 1848. Among the pioneer families of the Berkshire valley were the Gordons, who have for many generations furnished their representatives to the useful callings which contribute to the material development of a county or state. The first of the name of whom we have authentic record is Charles Gordon, a well-to-do merchant, distiller and "forge driver" in the vicinity of Luxemburg. He had a brother named Joshua, and two sisters, Phœbe

and Deborah, the latter the wife of Johnson Nichols. Charles Gordon was twice married. He first wedded Hannah Perkins, and after her death married her sister, Elizabeth Perkins. He died in 1815, when about forty years of age. His children were Lewis; Isaac, who was murdered and robbed by one Ackerman; Eliza, wife of John Harvey; Charles; Deborah, wife of Michael Dolan; Sallie, wife of John Mills; Stephen; Amanda, wife of John Thorn; Mahlon; and Hannah, wife of Godfrey Mann.

Of this family the first named, Lewis Gordon, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Morris county, December 14, 1797, and as a life work followed the occupation of farming. He married Miss Hannah Gard, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Merrick) Gard. Her father was a son of Jeremy Gard, who had seven sons in the American army during the war of the Revolution. They all served under different terms of enlistment for short periods, with the exception of Daniel, who participated in the struggle for independence throughout its entire continuance. He was wounded in the left arm, and five years later, while working at a forge in the valley, his right arm was crushed by the great hammer, which necessitated its amputation! Lewis Gordon, after spending his life as a farmer, was called to his final rest in August, 1876. His children were William A., who married Amy C. Dickerson and is now deceased; Daniel G.; and Abbie M., who was born in 1824, and is the widow of William N. Spencer, who resides in the valley.

Of this family Daniel G. is the father of our subject. He was born January 25, 1824, on the farm which is now the home of Benjamin C. Gordon, and there spent his entire life with the exception of a period of eleven years passed in Newark as the engineer in the sash and blind factory of Mr. Fredericks. His life was one of industry and uprightness, his dealings commanding the confidence and respect of all; and at his death, which occurred January 21, 1896, the community mourned the loss of one of its valued citizens. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah E. Corwin, and was a daughter of Benjamin H. Corwin, a mason living on Succasunna Plains. Their children are Benjamin C.; George R., a resident of Morristown; Clara B., wife of Richard M. Folk, of Sparta; and Ella M., widow of Eugene Archer.

In taking up the personal history of Benjamin C. Gordon, we present to our readers the life record of one whose entire life has been passed in Morris county, and whose record as a worthy and honorable citizen is well known to his many friends. He is well deserving of a place in a volume devoted to the representative men of the county, and with pleasure we present his sketch. In his youth he attended the district schools near his home, and at the age of eighteen he began to drive a butcher's wagon for his father. On

attaining his majority he engaged in the butchering business on his own account and has followed that pursuit during the greater part of his life, in connection with the occupation of farming. He still lives on the old family homestead and the well tilled fields and thrifty appearance of the place indicate his careful supervision.

In 1871 occurred the marriage of Mr. Gordon and Miss Jennie M. Talmage, daughter of Job A. Talmage. She died June 2, 1875, leaving one daughter, Lucy I. On the 22d of September, 1880, Mr. Gordon was again married, his second union being with Frances, a daughter of Jacob and Ann M. (Mackley) Shuster, of Lafayette, Sussex county. Her parents had five children: Sarah I., wife of George H. Fitcher; Mary A., wife of Joseph W. Jones; Frances; Charles M., who married Ida Chambers; and William H., who married Jennie Baldwin. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have one son, Lewis M., born February 17, 1886.

Mr. Gordon gives his political support to the Democratic party, but is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring that his time and attention shall not be taken from his business interests. He is wide-awake, enterprising and progressive, keeping up with the progress of the times, and the county numbers him among its valued citizens.

STUART H. REED, M. D.

One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded and a nicety of judgment little understood by the laity. Then again the profession brings its devotees into almost constant association with the sadder side of life,—that of pain and suffering,—so that a man capable of great self-control and a heart responsive and sympathetic are essential attributes to him who would essay the practice of the healing art. Thus when professional success is attained in any instance it may be taken as certain that such measure of success has been thoroughly merited. Dr. Reed is lacking in none of the essential qualifications which go to make up the skilled physician, and thus it is that he is now enjoying an extended patronage in Madison and vicinity.

He was born in South Carolina, October 10, 1854, and is a son of Rev. Edward and Julia (Blocker) Reed. The maternal grandfather, John Blocker, was a near relative of the Hon. Preston Brooks, who represented South Carolina in the United States senate. Rev. Edward Reed was a graduate of Rutgers Theological Seminary, of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and became an Episcopalian minister. For a number of years he preached the gospel in the south, his last charge being the parish of St. John's in the Wilderness, at

Flat Rock, North Carolina, where he died at the age of three-score years. He was a great student and ripe scholar, a forceful, eloquent speaker and a devout Christian whose life taught by example. He was one of the leading members of the clergy in his diocese, and was a prominent candidate for bishop, receiving an equal number of votes with him to whom was finally granted the promotion, Rev. Reed withdrawing in his favor. At his death this honored Christian man left three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. One of the sons, James Otey, is now a practicing attorney at Georges, South Carolina; and the other, Alexander, is a merchant of New York city.

Dr. Stuart H. Reed went to the Empire state when twelve years of age, and resided with his uncle, Alexander Reed, in Coxsackie, Greene county, where he acquired his early education. Later he continued his studies in Hudson Academy, at Hudson, New York, and in 1874, on the completion of the regular course, he was graduated in Claversack Seminary, of Columbia county, New York. In the autumn of the same year he entered Williams College, of Williamstown, Massachusetts, and was graduated in that institution in 1878. He further continued his education by beginning preparation for the medical profession, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work. He is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city, of the class of 1881, and in that year he returned to his native state, locating in Spartanburg, where he entered upon his chosen vocation.

In September, 1882, Dr. Reed came to Madison, and it was not long before he won a good patronage, which has since constantly increased. He has always been a close student of the science of medicine, keeps abreast of all new theories and discoveries in connection therewith, and as the result of his skill and marked ability to-day enjoys a large and lucrative business. He has also taken an active interest in the progress and welfare of the community, and is now a recognized leader in local political circles. In 1888 he was elected a member of the board of chosen freeholders of Chatham township and served for two years. In 1890 he took an active interest in the organization of the borough of Madison, and was elected a member of the first board of councilman. He served for one term, during which he advocated all the measures which he believed would prove of public benefit, and thereby aided materially in the advancement of the city. On the expiration of his term he declined a second nomination, owing to the heavy demands made upon his time by his constantly growing practice. He has also served for a number of years as physician for the board of health of Chatham township. He votes with the Democratic party and is unfaltering in his support of its principles.

The Doctor was married on the 6th of October, 1881, to Miss Helen

Larabee, a daughter of Nelson and Cordelia (Clark) Larabee, of Greene county, New York. They now have one son, Stuart Royden, born April 26, 1884. The Doctor and Mrs. Reed are consistent and influential members of the Presbyterian church, of Madison, of which the former has been trustee for a number of years. His high standing in professional circles is shown by the fact that for some years he has been honored with the presidency of the Morris County Medical Society; and his brethren of the fraternity, recognizing his pronounced skill and ability, acknowledge him one of the leading practitioners in this locality.

JOHN L. ALLEN.

This citizen of Lake Hopatcong was born in New York city on the 8th of January, 1846, and is a son of John L. and Fannie (Ogle) Allen, natives of Belgium who came to the United States in 1841, locating in New York, where the father followed his trade of stone-cutting.

John L., their only child, attended the city schools until thirteen years of age, when he entered upon his business career as a newsboy and sold papers in the city of his nativity for three years. It was now 1862 and the country was engaged in civil war. The patriotic spirit of the lad of sixteen would not permit him to remain quietly at home, and with loyal devotion to the Union he offered his service to the government and became a member of the One Hundred and Second New York Infantry, serving in the Army of the Potomac until his capture at Bristow's Station on Meade's retreat from Virginia. Soon afterward he was paroled and immediately enlisted in Company F, Seventieth Ohio Infantry, serving in the Atlanta campaign and participating in the engagements at Resaca, Kenesaw, Lookout mountain, Peach Tree creek, and prior to this was with General Sherman on the Vicksburg campaign. He was captured again sixty-five miles from Savannah at Six and One-half station, and after three months' incarceration in Pemberton prison, near Libby, and four months on Belle island, he was taken to Charlotte, North Carolina, from which prison he ultimately succeeded in making his escape. Twice he made the attempt, but was captured; the third time, however, he succeeded in eluding his pursuers, traversed the enemy's country for thirty days without communicating with a single individual, finally reached Kilpatrick's cavalry, and thence proceeded by way of Wilmington to Washington, D. C. He was discharged from Mount Arlington Hospital, Alexandria, on the 5th of August, 1865, and returned home with a record for loyalty and bravery that many a man of twice his years might well have envied.

Upon returning to civil life Mr. Allen became a traveling salesman for a New Jersey jewelry house and remained with that firm for nine years, enjoying the unlimited confidence of the house and winning the friendship and regard of many of its patrons along the road of his travels. During the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia he accepted a position in charge of the agricultural exhibits: following this service he constructed a rifle range for the New Jersey Guards and was appointed instructor for the officers in rifle practice. In 1890 Mr. Allen came to Noland's Point and purchased the Pavilion Hotel, of which he is now the proprietor. He has made this a popular resort and conducts it in first-class style, furnishing to his guests all modern accessories and conveniences and putting forth every effort to make their stay with him enjoyable.

On the 2d of April, 1864, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kelley, of Pennsylvania. They have two sons: William L., a decorator in Trenton, New Jersey; and Joseph L. Mr. Allen is a member of the Odd Fellows Society and of the Columbia Legion, G. A. R., renewing, in the latter organization, the friendship with the old comrades of the battle-fields whereon he aided in the defense of our nation's starry banner.

GEORGE T. BURTT.

Mr. Burtt, of Port Morris, New Jersey, has for many years been engaged in railroading, and now occupies the position of dock foreman, which he has filled at this place for over twenty years. His life history, in brief, is as follows:

Referring first to his ancestry, we record that Mr. Burtt's father, Job Burtt, was born near Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1787, and died in Roxbury township, Morris county, New Jersey, July 8, 1876. He was orphaned at an early age by the death of his father, and was "bound out" to a Mr. Howell, who went to Youngstown, Ohio, from Basking Ridge, to which place the widow Burtt had removed her family in 1793. The laws of Ohio not recognizing the relation between guardian and ward, young Burtt, being dissatisfied with his new home, deserted his master and returned to New Jersey. At Elizabethport he learned the trade of machinist, and worked upon the first steamboat that went into commission on Lake Champlain. For seven years he was in the employ of Burtt, Cook & Ogden, then for a short time he was engaged in blacksmithing at Basking Ridge, and next we find him at Succasunna Plains, where he worked for some years at the blacksmith's trade. From there he went to Kenvil and bought a farm, and carried on both farming and blacksmithing. For a time he was in the service of the Morris Canal Company, assisting in the construction of the

canal, and he also was at one time engaged in putting in inclined planes. After this he purchased a hotel at Succasunna, ran the same for about nine years, and in 1857 moved to Drakesville Station, Roxbury township, Morris county, where he bought a farm and where he passed the residue of his life in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred there July 8, 1876. The mother of Job Burtt was by maiden name Miss Eleanor Butler. Some years after her first husband's death she became the wife of Thaddeus Minton. Her children in order of birth were as follows: Samuel, Jacob, David and John (twins), and Job. Job Burtt was married twice. He first wedded Susan Harris and had several children. Of those living we observe that Captain T. M. Burtt is living in Newark, New Jersey, about eighty years of age; Captain Alfred S. Burtt, of Company B, First New Jersey Volunteers, is a resident of Corpus Christi, Texas, and is about seventy-five years of age; and Elizabeth, now seventy years of age, is the widow of the late Major Thomas J. Halsey, of the Eleventh Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, and is now living in Holden, Missouri. For his second wife Mr. Burtt wedded Miss Elizabeth Wolverton, daughter of Amos and Mary (Salmon) Wolverton, whose life was happily blended with his for many years. She died November 28, 1897. Of her children, we record that Susan is deceased; George T., the immediate subject of this review, was the second in order of birth; Theodore, deceased, was an engineer on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad; Martha, deceased, was the wife of Charles Pratt; and Eliza, the youngest, died unmarried.

George T. Burtt was ushered into life on Succasunna Plains, December 27, 1846, and passed his youthful days on his father's farm. At the outbreak of the great civil war he was a boy in his 'teens and too young to enter the service of his country, but before the close of that struggle he was ready to offer service, and life if need be, for the Union cause. In 1864 he enlisted as a member of Captain Allen's company, Company K, Thirty-ninth New Jersey Volunteers, and was with the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war, his regiment being a part of the Ninth Army Corps. He was in the engagements in front of Petersburg, at Stony Creek, Hatcher's Run, Poplar Grove Church, and others of less importance, and his whole army life was marked by that courage which is characteristic of the true soldier.

In the fall of 1865 Mr. Burtt went to work on a wood train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, under Major T. J. Halsey. From January 2, 1866, till June 12, 1872, he was ticket agent and assistant dispatcher at Phillipsburg, and on the last named date he took charge of the yard, as dispatcher, at Port Morris. Since September, 1875, he has occupied his present position as dock foreman.

Mr. Burtt is a man of family. He was married in Phillipsburg, Novem-

ber 2, 1868, to Miss Hettie A. Merrick, daughter of Hugh Merrick, and they have had nine children, namely: Alfred M., Bessie, Paul G., Seeley R., Harold J., Hanson M. and Florence, who are deceased; and Allen E. and Mable, who are living.

Mr. Burtt is a Republican, taking a commendable interest in political affairs, and giving as much of his time as possible to the advancement of the principles of his party.

JAMES M. FROST.

This representative of one of the earliest of the prominent old families in Morris county was born in Somerset county, near Bernardsville, on the 9th of July, 1847. His boyhood was passed in Bernardsville, where he was educated in the public schools, and for four years, from 1866 to 1870, he was engaged in teaching. Subsequently he was employed as a drover for a time, then entered mercantile pursuits and continued in that line from 1876 to 1879 in Bedminster, and in 1881 came to Morris county, where he has since been connected with the agricultural interests of Chester township. As far back as the memory of man can recall, the Frosts have supported the Democracy, and therefore our subject naturally entered the service of that party upon becoming of age and taking upon himself the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. In 1882 he was elected constable and served three years; he was next elected assessor, and a justice of the peace, and from that incumbency went almost immediately to the office of freeholder, being elected to fill an unexpired term in 1887. At the next regular election (in 1888) he was chosen as his own successor and was re-elected in 1890. As a member of the board he served his first years on the miscellaneous committee, but during his last year of service he served as a member of the finance committee.

The marriage of Mr. Frost was consummated on the 20th of January, 1870, when he became united to Miss Helen E. Sturgis, a daughter of Joseph J. Sturgis, and these children have been born: Bertha May, now the wife of J. W. Tiger; Hervey H., William J., Fred C., Beulah H. and Mary E.

William S. Frost, the father of our subject, was born in Morris county and passed his life on a farm near Mendham. He was an officer in the cavalry department of the state militia commanded by Colonel Kennedy. He married first Miss Elsie Smalley, and had one daughter, named after her mother, who is now the wife of Thomas Goltra, of Westfield, New Jersey, and for his second wife he wedded Mrs. Beulah A. Cole, a daughter of Andrew Bird, her birth occurring in 1807 and her death in 1896. Her mother was a Miss Nancy Hambler, and her grandmother a Miss Hannah Hambler, and by her first husband, Peter Cole, she had one child, who is now Mrs. Henrietta

Hall, of Chester. Two children besides our subject were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frost, namely: Nancy M., deceased, and Thomas B., of Mendham. Mr. Frost died in 1885, aged seventy years. His father, Ezekiel Frost, was a forgeman in early life, but later engaged in farming. He was a descendant of one of the Mayflower's crew and had two uncles who were soldiers in the patriot army in the war of the Revolution. He died near Bernardsville in 1869, at the venerable age of ninety-three years.

DAVID H. McALPIN.

David Hunter McAlpin was born in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York, November 8, 1816. His boyhood days were spent there and in Matteawan, New York, during which time he acquired a limited education. Necessity and ambition led him, at an early age, to seek employment in a cotton-mill of Matteawan, and thus he was employed until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account. In 1836 he began the wholesale and retail cigar business at No. 84 Catharine street, New York city, in connection with his brother-in-law, William H. Hughes, which partnership continued three years. Mr. McAlpin was then alone for some time, but subsequently formed a partnership with John Cornish and began the manufacture of chewing tobacco, establishing a factory at the corner of avenue D and Tenth street, New York. Operations were successfully carried on by this firm for some years, but when an internal revenue tax was placed on tobacco, Mr. Cornish, fearing that the business would prove unprofitable, sold out to his partner. Mr. McAlpin, however, was more hopeful and, as he anticipated, continued to enjoy a good trade. Gradually his business grew to very extensive proportions and brought to him a corresponding financial reward. He continued in active control of the factory until within the last few years, when his sons have more and more relieved him of the arduous cares of management.

Mr. McAlpin, however, still goes to the city at least once or twice a week to supervise his extensive interests, which are not confined to the tobacco trade. He is a man of resourceful ability, of keen discrimination and excellent executive power, and has been an active factor in the successful management of many business concerns. A half century ago he was one of the organizers of the Rutgers Fire Insurance Company of New York and is the only charter member now living. He is still a director of the company and for many years was vice-president, but within the past few months resigned. He is also a director of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company, of New York, the Home Insurance Company, the Eleventh Ward Bank, the Bank of the Republic, the Union Trust Company, the German-American

Real Estate Title Guarantee Company, and the Standard Gas Company,—all of New York,—and of the National Bank of Morristown. He is widely and prominently known in financial circles, and his influence in business affairs is acknowledged to be of great worth, owing to his sound judgment and thorough reliability.

Many years ago, on account of ill health caused by overwork, Mr. McAlpin came to Morristown and found the climate and situation both so delightful and beneficial that he has since continued his residence near this historic city. He purchased the Brooklawn place, at Littleton, comprising three hundred acres, and at once began its improvement. There he made his home for twenty years, until in 1886 he purchased the site of his present home, known as Glen Alpine,—a tract of five hundred acres of land on the Morristown and Basking Ridge road about four miles from the former place. Large timber covers two hundred acres of this tract and the ruins of the old fort built by Washington are still on the place. The natural beauties of Glen Alpine are supplemented by the art of the landscape gardener, and the grounds are very extensive and beautiful.

From the time of his earliest identification with Morristown, Mr. McAlpin has been an active factor in its improvement and progress and has ever aided materially in all that promotes its interests. His beneficence has advanced various moral, social and material movements. In 1891 he purchased the old Baptist church property at the corner of Speedwell avenue and Park Place, and prior to that time purchased what was known as the Post-office block and the United States Hotel. In 1890 he built the storage warehouse in the rear of the block, and in 1893 completed the McAlpin block, the finest business block in the city. He moved to the rear all of the buildings formerly at the front and converted them into barns and storage rooms; but in 1894 they were destroyed by fire. He then erected a large new brick stable and storage warehouse, known as the Upper Storage Warehouse. He now owns from the Huffman block on Park Place to the corner of the United States Hotel, also the McAlpin block, that has a frontage of two hundred and forty-three feet.

In his political views Mr. McAlpin was formerly a Jacksonian Democrat, but when the country became engaged in civil war he stood by the Union and has since been an advocate of the Republican party and its principles.

In 1845 Mr. McAlpin married Miss Frances Adelaide Rose, daughter of Joseph Rose, and they became the parents of eight children: General Edwin A., of Sing Sing, New York; Joseph R., who died in early manhood; George L., who is associated with his father in business; William W.; Adelaide, wife of James T. Pyle; David H., Jr., a well-known physician; Charles W., and John Randolph, who died in early manhood. The mother died in 1870,

and Mr. McAlpin afterward married Mrs. Adelia Gardiner Chamberlain, who died in 1891. His present wife, a sister of his first wife, was the widow of Dr. Shackelton, of Monmouth county, New Jersey.

FRANCIS ROSS.

Francis Ross is a native of Madison, his birth having here occurred on the 21st of December, 1831. His parents, Peter and Charlotte Ross, were both natives of the Empire state, but for many years resided in Madison. In the public schools of his native town the subject of this review acquired his education, and when a young man went to Connecticut.

October 21, 1861, Mr. Ross enlisted in Company C, First Connecticut Cavalry, and served three years, being honorably discharged October 21, 1864, at Middletown, Virginia. He effectively participated in the campaigns of his regiment in Virginia and Maryland. Later he removed to the south and, locating in Kendall county, Texas, engaged in farming and stock-raising for a number of years. On his return to the north he once more took up his residence in Madison, where he has made his home continuously since 1884. He entered into partnership with William Wilson in the grocery business and the firm of Wilson & Ross is now enjoying a large trade. They have a well appointed store, furnished with a large and choice line of staple and fancy groceries, and their honorable methods of business have secured them an extensive patronage.

Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Mary Carter, a daughter of Mahlon and Beulah Carter, and a representative of one of the old families of Madison. Their only child, Georgianna, is now the wife of William Wilson, a native of Sussex county. Mr. Ross is a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never had time or inclination to seek public office.

JOHN CROSS.

Rev. John Cross was the first minister of the gospel known to have labored at Basking Ridge, New Jersey. He preached to the people of that neighborhood from 1732 until 1741, and from that early period in the history of America the Cross family has been prominently connected with the progress and substantial development of Morris county. Rev. John C. Rankin, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Basking Ridge from 1851 until 1895, in an historical address published in 1872, refers to the descendants of the first minister as being very useful and influential in the congre-

gation. The family has also sent its representatives into other states, where they have won high honors, among whom are Rev. J. B. Cross, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Nathaniel Cross, professor in Nashville University, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The Rev. John Cross, whose name begins this review, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Deborah Oldfield, also a representative of an old family, and they became parents of four children. One daughter married a McEowen; another married Daniel Cooper; William married Miss Brewster; and Robert married May Lefferty. The Oldfield family, to which Mrs. Cross belonged, came from New Jersey from Jamaica, Long Island, as early as 1651, and her grandfather was John Oldfield, of Basking Ridge. Her sister, Mrs. Keziah Ludlow, a widow, married Rev. Timothy Jones, D. D., who was the first pastor of the Presbyterian church of Morristown, New Jersey, where he located in 1743, his death occurring in 1794. Another sister, Mary Oldfield, married Rev. Robert Cross, who was preaching in Jamaica, Long Island, in 1723. Sarah Oldfield, the third sister, became the wife of Rev. Thomas Poyer, rector of the church of England, in Jamaica.

Robert Cross, a son of the Rev. John Cross, wedded Mary Lefferty, as before stated, and they became the parents of eleven children: Bryan, who was born June 6, 1756, and died unmarried; William, who was born September 23, 1757, and was twice married; Catharine, who was born January 9, 1759, and is the wife of Joseph Boyle; John, born September 10, 1760; Martha, who was born April 16, 1762, and became the wife of Samuel Annin; Robert, who was born February 13, 1764, and married Elizabeth Crowell; Mary, who was born October 27, 1765, and died unmarried; John Lefferty, who was born February 9, 1768, and wedded Mary Kirkpatrick; Henry, who was born July 10, 1770, and died March 10, 1771; Joseph, who was born December 6, 1773, and married Mary Cooper; and James, who was born August 11, 1775, and married Gertrude Wyckoff.

William Cross, the second son of Robert and Mary (Lefferty) Cross, married Sarah Larzalier, and had six children: Jacob, who was twice married; Mary, wife of Robert Boyle; Nancy, wife of William Boyle; Robert, who married Maria Brown; Alexander, who died unmarried; and Catharine, wife of John Appleman. After the death of the mother of this family, William Cross married Sarah Perry, who was born January 31, 1779. His death occurred April 15, 1812, and his second wife passed away March 4, 1861. They had five children, namely: Samuel, who was born May 9, 1803, married Sarah Lewis and died January 10, 1867; William, born May 12, 1805; Elizabeth, born January 19, 1807, became the wife of Mahlon Cross; Joseph, born February 1, 1809, wedded Mary Haines, and died October 10, 1874; and Sarah A., born January 15, 1811, died October 15,

1814. Joseph Cross, the fourth of this family, was a physician and pursued his preparatory course of study at the classical school in Basking Ridge, then conducted with eminent success and popularity by the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D. He commenced his medical studies in Elizabeth with Dr. Davis, who was at that time one of the leading practitioners of the city, and after receiving license he opened an office there, and spent his subsequent life in that city. We quote an extract from an extended obituary notice which appeared in the New Jersey Journal, October 13, 1874:

"One of the severest trials of journalism ever laid upon us is when we are called upon to announce, as at present, the death of one who has been for half a century the foremost among us in every good enterprise; such a man was Dr. Cross. He came to this city about forty-five years ago, studied medicine with the late Dr. Davis, and after graduating at the New York Medical College, opened an office here about the year 1830. He soon after married the half-sister of the late Richard T. Haines and partially abandoned the practice of his profession for the care of a large landed estate which engrossed the most of his time. He was actively identified with various public organizations, was a liberal contributor to Westminster church, of which he was an elder; was a friend to the orphan and a benefactor to the poor. As a citizen, Dr. Cross was active and public-spirited; as a Christian he was sincere and consistent; as a friend firm and confiding."

William Cross, a son of William and Sarah (Perry) Cross, was married December 26, 1832, to Miss Sarah M. Lee, and died November 22, 1879. His children were Sarah Elizabeth, Samuel Lee, Mary Jane, Mary Haines and Joseph. The mother belonged to a family no less distinguished than the Cross family, and a history of its representatives in New Jersey is herewith given.

The family is supposed to have been a younger branch of the Lees of Lee-Magna, Kent, England, and at an early period settled at Nottingham, England. That they were a prominent family is indicated by the possession of a coat of arms: Az. on a fesse between two fillets, or, three leopards' heads, gu. Crest: a demi-moor p. p. r., vested gu., rimmed around the collar with two bars, or, tied around the waist with a ribbon, or, and gu., holding in his dexter hand a gem ring of the third.

The Lee family was founded in America by William Lee, who emigrated from Nottingham to this country in 1675. He married Mary Marvin and died in 1724, leaving three sons and seven daughters. The sons were Thomas and Joseph, of Long Island, and Richard, who entered the French military service in Canada.

Of this family Joseph Lee had ten children: Joseph, of Yorktown, the eldest, died at the age of seventy-seven years, and his family numbered ten

children: William, who died at the age of fifty; Joseph, who died at the age of fifty; Abigal, who died at the age of forty; Hon. Elijah, who died at the age of seventy-eight and was married first to Miss Concklin, secondly to Miss Brown, thirdly to Miss Brown, and fourthly to Miss Williamson; Enos, who died aged seventy; Anne, who married Captain Samuel Haight and died at the age of seventy; Hannah, who married James Brewer, M. D., and died aged seventy; Phœbe, who married Daniel Horton, and died at the age of seventy-one; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Ingersoll and died at the age of sixty; and Sarah, who died at the age of twenty.

Thomas Lee, second son of Joseph Lee, Sr., and a resident of Woodbridge, Cortland's Manor, died at the age of eighty years. His children were: David, who married Miss Young and died at the age of ninety; Peter, of Ohio, who died at the age of eighty; Paul, who died at the age of seventy; Israel, of Orange county, New York, who died at the age of eighty; Philip, also of Orange county, who died at the age of seventy-four; William, of New Jersey, who died at the age of eighty; Thomas, also of New Jersey; Hannah and Phœbe, who died unmarried.

John Lee, the third son of Joseph Lee, Sr., removed from Long Island to Yorktown, Westchester county, New York, in 1750. He was born September 15, 1725, and died in 1816. He was married August 14, 1748, to Sarah Perrine, who was born March 1, 1725, and died July 31, 1796. They had ten children: Thomas, who was born August 19, 1749, and died June 24, 1791; Sarah, who was born November 20, 1751, became the wife of John Horton, and died in October, 1827; John, who was born October 18, 1753, and will be mentioned farther on in this sketch; Mary, who was born December 22, 1755, and died in 1844; Hannah, who was born August 23, 1757, and died in 1845; Margaret, who was born May 29, 1759, became the wife of Jonas Williams and died in 1839; Dinah, who was born December 15, 1760, and married Thaddeus Rockwell; Abigail, who was born September 7, 1762, became the wife of David Knapp, and died February 1, 1828; Phebe, who was born October 8, 1764, became the wife of Francis Colgrove and died at the age of seventy-eight years; and Robert P., who was born April 16, 1766. A history published in 1848 said of him: "Near the main road leading from Crompond to Somers is situated the estate and residence of Robert Lee, Esq., for many years one of the leading members of the bar in this county."

The daughters in the family of Joseph Lee, whose father, William Lee, was the founder of the family in America, were: Phebe, who married Dennis Combs in 1774, and died at the age of eighty-four; Anna, who became Mrs. Martin, and died at the age of eighty; Ruth, who married Job Wright, and died at the age of eighty; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Martineau, and died at the age of eighty; Sarah, who died at the age of sixty;

Mary, who died at the age of sixty-four; and Abigail, who died at the age of eighteen.

John Lee, the second son of John and Sarah (Perrine) Lee, was born October 18, 1753, and on the 1st of May, 1781, married Esther Horton, who was born February 7, 1763. In the year 1815 they removed to New Vernon, New Jersey, purchasing the property just over the hill from the village. The old historic residence was erected in 1776, and both it and the hill are yet known by the family name. John Lee died September 22, 1835, and his wife departed this life April 2, 1842. They had six children, namely: Philip; Phebe, who was born January 18, 1786, married James Van Wagner and died May 24, 1808; Sarah, who was born September 25, 1788, and died December 30, 1789; John, who was born December 24, 1790, and died March 29, 1792; Daniel H., who was born August 20, 1793, and died June 28, 1814; and Hester, who was born January 21, 1799, became the wife of Daniel B. Overton, and died November 20, 1822.

Philip Lee, the eldest son of John and Esther (Horton) Lee, was born on the 12th of February, 1782, and was married on the 18th of October, 1808, to Miss Sarah Bagley, who was born October 11, 1789. His death occurred August 14, 1865, and his wife passed away June 10, 1811. They had but one child, Sarah Maria, who was born October 14, 1810, and was married December 26, 1832, to William Cross. Her death occurred June 9, 1887.

Such is the history of two families long and prominently connected with the history of Morris county.

HON. OSCAR LINDSLEY.

One of the extensive land-owners of Morris county is Mr. Lindsley, who resides upon his fine farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres of rich land, in Passaic township. Its well cultivated fields, its well kept fences, modern machinery and substantial buildings all indicate the progressive spirit of the owner, who keeps pace with the advance which marks this last decade of the nineteenth century.

Mr. Lindsley was born in Morris county, August 18, 1832, and is a representative of an honored old American family that has won a splendid record by the brilliant service of its members in the war of the Revolution and by the fidelity to the duties of citizenship which characterizes all who bear the name. The family was founded in America by Francis Lindsley, who was a member of the staff of Oliver Cromwell, when the great commoner was in the height of his power. He landed thirty miles east of New Haven, and after a year's residence in Milford, Connecticut, came with forty families to New Jer-

sey, locating on the present site of the city of Newark, although at that time no town existed there. The Society of Newark gave to the progenitor of the Lindsley family a large tract of land on the mountain. He had six sons,—John, Benjamin, Joseph, Ebenezer, Josiah and Hamilton, and there were also five daughters in the family. His son John was the third white child and the first male child born in Newark, and was the father of Captain John Lindsley, the great-grandfather of our subject. Jonathan Lindsley, a son of Francis, had a son Jonathan, who gave the land on which was erected the first church in Morristown. The building was a log structure, which after the Revolutionary war was replaced by a modern building that in 1894 was removed by our subject to his farm and is used as a barn, while the old school site is occupied by the present house of worship known as the First Presbyterian church of Morristown.

Captain John Lindsley, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1728 and died in 1784. He was one of the heroes of the Revolution, serving with the rank of captain, and twelve others of the family also valiantly fought for the independence of the nation. On account of his zeal and valor he was known as Fighting John, and his death was occasioned by wounds received at the battles of Springfield and Trenton, New Jersey. He passed away before the close of the struggle and therefore never saw the realization of his hopes that America would one day be a free and independent nation. He married Sarah Halsey, a sister of Captain Ben Halsey, of the Colonial army, and they had eight children, namely: Johanna, John, David, Stephen, Silas, Henry, Phœbe and Elizabeth.

The grandfather of our subject, Silas Lindsley, was born in Morris township, this county, in 1776, and married Jane Lindsley, a daughter of Ben and Sarah (Kitchel) Lindsley. The father was a son of Jonathan Lindsley, whose father was John Lindsley, also one of the ancestors of our subject on the paternal side. Benjamin Lindsley served as quartermaster for the American army while it was stationed at Morristown. He built the first frame church at that place, served as justice of the peace and was a very prominent member of the community. He reared a large family, but the subject of this sketch is now his only living representative.

Silas R. Lindsley, the father of Oscar, was born in Morris county, January 13, 1800, and died March 24, 1887. In his youth he learned the tanner's trade, but during the greater part of his life carried on agricultural pursuits. He wedded Mary Darling, also a native of Morris county, and a daughter of Thomas Darling, whose father, William Darling, emigrated from England to Long Island and thence to Morris county. Silas R. Lindsley was a progressive man and a public-spirited citizen, but never sought or held office. He and his wife were long faithful members of the Presbyterian

church, and for many years he served as deacon of the congregation with which he was connected. Through all generations the Lindsley family have been prominently connected with that church, Benjamin Lindsley being one of its trustees in 1787. The parents of our subject had but two children—Oscar and Harriet—the latter the widow of John P. Bonnell, of New York.

Oscar Lindsley was reared on the old family homestead and acquired his education in Bloomfield Academy. After leaving school he traveled for a time and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which occupation he has since followed. For a time he also engaged in merchandising. He is a wide-awake, thoroughgoing business man, and his energy has brought to him the substantial rewards of labor.

On the 13th of November, 1855, Mr. Lindsley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Crane, a native of Morris county and a daughter of Benjamin Crane, who was a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsley are the parents of four children: DeWitt Clinton, of Passaic township; Julia, wife of D. F. Sturge; Harriet and Mary. Mrs. Lindsley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a most estimable lady.

In his political views our subject is an earnest Democrat, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently conferred upon him political honors. He has filled all the township offices, served for two years as a member of the general assembly of New Jersey, to which he was elected in 1881, and in 1890 was chosen by popular ballot for the position of sheriff, in which capacity he served for three years in a most efficient manner. In all the relations of life, as a citizen, husband, father, and in business, his loyalty to duty is above question.

ALGERNON B. BYRAM.

The father of our subject, Stephen Ludlow Byram, is the aged representative of an old New Jersey family whose history is interwoven with that of Sussex county, where the remote ancestors lived and died. Mr. Byram was born in Brookside, on the 16th of April, 1819, and is a son of Japhet Byram, the latter of whom was born in Sussex county, July 15, 1794, and a grandson of Seth Byram, a farmer, who also was born in Sussex county, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. Japhet came to Morris county in 1805, learned his trade, that of a blacksmith, in Mendham township, and after a brief service in the war of 1812 he settled down in Brookside and worked in the smithy during the remainder of his active life. He married Miss Mary Ludlow, and died on the 6th of June, 1870, having become the father of nine children. Stephen L., the eldest of these, on arriving at the proper age, took up the trade of his father and continued in active

business until about the year 1882, when he retired. On the 28th of January, 1843, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Brinkerhuff, and their children are as follows: John B., cashier of the Iron National Bank, in Morristown; William G., a prominent merchant of Morristown; Elias B., Algernon B. and Harry.

Algernon B. Byram was born in Brookside, Morris county, New Jersey, on the 17th of July, 1861, passed his boyhood in that village, attending the public schools until seventeen years old, when he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith in his father's shop, where he continued until the latter's retirement in 1882. Then the old stand, with all its associations, dating from its establishment, in 1847, together with a few of the first customers who still survived, was turned over to him, and he is conducting the business in an enterprising and business-like manner, his success and prosperity being assured by his recognized ability in the-line of endeavor he has followed for so many years. He also conducts the wheelwright and wagon-building business, having succeeded his uncle, Ellis Byram.

The marriage of Mr. Byram was solemnized on the 17th of November, 1886, on which occasion he was united to Miss Mollie Morris, a daughter of Charles J. and Martha (Hulbert) Morris, of Brookside, whose only other child is Alice, the wife of William P. Garrabrant. Mr. and Mrs. Byram have one son, Bert A., who was born on October 20, 1890.

JAMES J. CUTLER.

A lawyer and farmer and a resident of Chester, New Jersey, Mr. Cutler is a representative of a family which has given to Morris county some of its ablest legal talent. He traces his ancestry back to England, some members of the Cutler family having emigrated to America previous to the Revolution and having identified themselves with the interests of the colonies. Throughout the history of this country they have taken a conspicuous part in the business and legal affairs of their respective communities.

James R. Cutler, the father of James J., was born at the end of Ridgedale avenue, Morristown, New Jersey, in 1801, and passed his life largely in Morris Plains, where he was engaged in farming. In early manhood he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade. Politically, he was a Democrat, as were his ancestors, and while he was stanch in the support of the party he was never an office-seeker or office-holder. His father, "Deacon" Jesse Cutler, was one of the leading members of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown, and for many years resided on his farm on Ridgedale avenue, now part of the city of Morristown. James R. Cutler died March 13, 1885. His wife, Mary M., daughter of Joshua Hulbert, was born in 1808, and died

June 14, 1881. Following are the names of their children, in order of birth: Joshua M., who died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the age of twenty-seven years; William B., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Mary E. R., and James Jesse.

James Jesse Cutler dates his birth September 23, 1850. His youth was passed on Morris Plains and his early education was obtained in the district schools of that place. After a four-years course in Morris Academy he engaged in teaching and spent two years in that occupation,—the first at Long Hill and the second in the Chatham school. From school-teaching he turned his attention to the study of law, becoming a student in the law office of the late ex-Congressman A. W. Cutler, where he remained four years and diligently applied himself to a preparation for the practice of law. At the end of that time he applied for admission to the bar and was duly licensed as an attorney at law, his license being dated June 8, 1871. Two years later he was made a master in chancery. Upon being admitted to the bar he opened an office in Morristown and soon established a successful business. His second case in court was a criminal one, in which he defended Sarah Jane Webb, who was indicted for adultery, and secured an acquittal on the grounds of insufficient evidence. He was counsel for the defense in the trial of David Moore for murder, his associate counsel being Stephen Little. In this case the client got off with a verdict for second-degree murder. Mr. Cutler was also connected with the Earls rape case and many others that have attracted attention throughout the country. One of the most important cases with which he was intimately identified was that in which Amzi Compton was indicted for forgery, Mr. Cutler appearing for the defense. The peculiar feature of the case was that the defendant died while the jury were debating the case, the result being a disagreement. Recently, in 1897, Mr. Cutler handled the case of the township of Chester against C. Kain, who was charged with adultery. Mr. Cutler appeared for the complainant and secured a verdict, the case attracting much attention in legal circles. Soon afterward he appeared for the defendant in the case of the state against Joseph Camisa, charged with keeping a disorderly house. In this case Mr. Cutler had all the temperance element arrayed against him, but he secured an acquittal for his client. Another interesting case, and one which attracted wide attention, was that of the fish commissioners *versus* Low, Gardner & Hager, in which Mr. Cutler secured an acquittal.

In 1885 Mr. Cutler left Morristown and for a short time resided in Dover. After this he traveled for his health, visiting various parts of the west, sojourning for a time in Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas, and spending one winter in Kansas City, Missouri. Upon his return to New Jersey he located upon a farm and has since been engaged in farming, also giving a portion of his

time and attention to the law. Like his father and other members of the family, he is a Democrat. He supported the Chicago ticket for president in 1896, and stumped the county in its behalf. Mr. Cutler is unmarried.

ELIAS CARTER.

Born in Genungtown, East Madison, Morris county, New Jersey, August 24, 1814. Mr. Carter belongs to one of the old families that have long been connected with the history of this locality and have taken a prominent part in promoting the various measures put forth for the advancement and improvement of the county. His grandfather, Jeremiah Carter, a native of Scotland, braved the dangers incident to an ocean voyage at that time, and came to America, thus establishing the family name in the New World. He settled on a tract of land in Morris county, was married here and reared a family of two sons and two daughters, namely: Azariah; Asenath, who married Daniel Hopping; Sybil, who wedded a Mr. Tunis; and Senith married a Hopping. The father of this family reached the advanced age of one hundred and three years, and his wife was a centenarian at the time of her demise.

Azariah Carter, father of our subject, was born in Genungtown, September 20, 1767, was reared on the old family homestead and married Nancy Cora, a native of the same town, born December 10, 1770. After his marriage he purchased a farm adjoining his father's property and carried on agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He was elected to the office of magistrate, in which capacity he served with great fidelity for forty years, and for the same period he was assessor of his township. During nearly all his active life he served as deacon of the Presbyterian church and was an upright, God-fearing man, uniformly respected and esteemed. In his political views he was a Whig, but year after year received the support of both political parties for the offices he filled, such was his known honesty and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. His death occurred May 9, 1855, and his wife passed away on the 17th of March, 1817. In their family were the following named: Wyckliffe, who was born October 18, 1792, and died July 28, 1793; Betsy, who was born October 12, 1793, and died November 6, 1873; Mahlon, born November 18, 1794; Phœbe, who was born April 25, 1797, and died 1882; Polly, born February 15, 1800, and died May 11, 1852; George, born August 23, 1801, and is deceased; Abraham, born April 14, 1803; Appha, who was born July 3, 1806, and died December 25, 1809; Sylvester, who was born November 18, 1809, and died April 3, 1810; Azariah Wesley, born September 2, 1812; and Elias, born August 20, 1814.

Elias Carter was reared on a farm and resided with his father until his

marriage, which was celebrated June 10, 1837, Miss Mary Coleman becoming his wife. She was a daughter of William Coleman and was born at Cherry Hill. After his marriage Mr. Carter entered the employ of Williams Gibbons, with whom he remained for five years, after which he operated his father's farm for one year. He then rented a farm for ten years. He planted seven acres in corn, six acres in oats, three acres in broom-corn, two acres in wheat and an acre and half in rye, and also raised seven hundred bushels of potatoes that year. In the fall after he rented the property it was sold, and the new owner, wishing to take possession of it, bought out Mr. Carter's interest, paying him two hundred dollars besides giving him all the crops. The following year our subject built a house in Genungtown, which he exchanged for fifteen acres of land on which was a good house and barn. On that property he lived five years, when he purchased his brother Wesley's interest in the old homestead, which he still owns. He carried on agricultural pursuits there until 1884, when he laid aside all business cares, and is now living a retired life at the home of his son in Chatham. His wife died in 1864.

This worthy couple were the parents of ten children: Mary Ann, who was born May 16, 1838, and Charles Henry, born August 10, 1839, both died in childhood; Sarah Eliza, born October 22, 1841, is the wife of John Waters, of Madison; Margaret A., born June 3, 1843, is the widow of Benjamin F. Brown, of Madison; Lewis A., born August 31, 1845, is in Chatham; John Wesley, born January 22, 1847, died at the age of ten years; Francis Oscar, born April 11, 1851, is a resident of Livingston; Charles Wadlow, born July 3, 1853, died in Newark at the age of twenty-three; Agnes Ida, born September 11, 1857, is the wife of Adolph Stiles, of Newark; and Laura Augusta, born November 29, 1859, is the wife of Frank Montgomery, of Morristown.

Mr. Carter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. In his early life his political support was given the Democracy; later he became a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. His life has been characterized by industry, enterprise and capable management in business affairs, and as the result of his well directed efforts he accumulated a comfortable property. He has now reached a ripe old age and his life is crowned with the respect and veneration which is ever due to the upright man.

LEWIS A. CARTER.

Mr. Carter was born in East Madison on the 31st of August, 1845, on the old Carter homestead, and was reared on the farm until sixteen years of age, assisting in the cultivation of the fields. He then went to Madison,

where he secured a situation in a grocery, serving in that capacity for two years. He then turned his attention to railroading and for three years was brakeman on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. On the expiration of that period he went to New York city, where he was employed in the wareroom of the Union Printing House until twenty-six years of age.

In September, 1867, Mr. Carter was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Lanhart Poor, a native of Newark and a daughter of Charles W. and Catherine (Dudley) Poor. After his marriage Mr. Carter entered the service of the Hill Railroad Company, in Newark, continuing with that corporation for about eight years, and in 1874 he entered the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, with which he has since been connected. He began his work for that company as brakeman, but has steadily worked his way upward and is now serving as conductor. He is a very reliable and trustworthy employe, faithful to the interests placed in his care, and is highly regarded by his employers and those associated with him in the service. He is a member of the Mutual Benefit Association of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, and is a member of the executive committee of Chatham.

In 1892 Mr. Carter was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 22d of August, leaving one child, Charles Frederick Tuse Carter. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was highly esteemed by many friends, on account of her many excellencies of character.

JOHN H. VAN DERVERE.

One of the leading and prosperous citizens of Chester is John H. Van Dervere, who was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, on the 6th of October, 1840, the son of the late James Van Dervere and Miriam (Horton) Van Dervere. His education was principally acquired in the public schools of Chester, after leaving which he entered upon a mercantile career and continued in that line of enterprise until the war of the Rebellion, when, in 1862, he offered his services to the government and enlisted as second lieutenant in Company F, Fifteenth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. His first experience in active field duty occurred at Fredericksburg, Virginia, where, although suffering severely from an attack of fever, he participated in that famous battle, and upon coming out he was ready for the hospital. He returned home and was unable to engage in business again for a year, when he once more took up merchandising, and after conducting an establishment for more than three years he aided in locating and securing the right of way for the Central Railroad, utilizing a part of his time in surveying. He was appointed station agent in the service of the Central Railroad Company, a position he

retained for eight years, and then, in 1883, resigned the same and since that time he has devoted his time and attention to looking after his personal interests. Politically considered. Mr. Van Dervere is an adherent of the Republican party and is one of the prominent leaders of the same in Morris county.

In March, 1865, Mr. Van Dervere was united in marriage to Miss Martha Horton, a daughter of Nathan Horton, and she has since died, leaving no issue.

James VanDervere, father of our subject and ex-sheriff of Morris county, was born in Somerset county, New Jersey, in 1810, and died in Chester in 1884. In private life he was a merchant and profitably followed that business in Chester for many years, was liberal in the management of his affairs, and bestowed charity where he found it deserving, yet he died possessed of a valuable estate. He received an excellent education, being a graduate of Princeton College, after which he studied medicine with the intention of following a professional life, but finding that his tastes were not compatible with a successful career in that direction he became a merchant. Politically he was conspicuously identified with the Republican party, and was one of those active men to whom the leaders looked for a victory at the polls. He was elected to the office of sheriff in 1868 and continued as such until 1871, acquitting himself most creditably as a faithful and efficient public servant. Although not a member, he was a liberal contributor to the Congregational church and was one of the trustees of that body. He was twice married, his first wife being Miriam Horton, a daughter of Caleb Horton, who was a representative of one of the pioneer families of Chester township. Mrs. Van Dervere departed this life in 1861, leaving the following children: Louisa, deceased, married William H. Nicholas; Mary P., who married; Annie E., the wife of William S. Chardane, of Newark; John H., our subject; Julia, deceased; Peter, deceased; and James, a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts. For his second wife Mr. Van Dervere married Miss Mary L. Stearns, by whom he had one daughter, Julia H.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Peter Van Dervere, who was born in Somerset county, a descendant of Holland stock, and was a merchant and farmer and one of the prominent men of the county. He died about the year 1852, being at that time about seventy-five years old.

CHARLES A. JOHNSON.

The subject of this review has done much for the business interests of New Providence, his enterprise proving an important factor in the commercial activity and prosperity of the town, which is his birthplace. He was

born March 13, 1858, and traces his ancestry back to Gabriel Johnson, who, coming to Morris county, entered from the government a tract of land in Chatham township, which has since been known as the Johnson homestead. His father was Uzal Johnson. Aaron Johnson, son of Gabriel, was born on the homestead farm February 27, 1802, and married Elizabeth Sayre, whose birth occurred October 5, 1804. The grandfather of our subject, William C. Johnson, was born in Chatham township, Morris county, and the father, William C. Johnson, Jr., was born in the same locality, February 24, 1829. He married Nancy Lum, who was born July 20, 1831. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life on the ancestral farm. Prominent in the public interests of the community he efficiently and acceptably served as a member of the board of freeholders for four terms and twice represented his district in the state legislature. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born two children: Charles A. and Fannie E., who died March 22, 1882, at the age of twenty years. The mother was called to her final rest March 11, 1862; and the father was again married December 27, 1870, his second union being with Miss Mary Durea, by whom he had one child, Bessie A., born December 24, 1882. His death occurred February 28, 1892, when he had attained the age of sixty-three years.

Amid the surroundings of the old homestead and occupied with the duties of the farm, Charles A. Johnson spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He is indebted to the common schools for his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by a course in Coleman's Business College, of Newark. After leaving school he entered upon his life work, his boyhood work of field and meadow being continued through his mature years; but his attention has not been confined exclusively to farming. He deals in farm machinery, in fertilizers and in sawed wood, also owns and operates a feed mill and is largely interested in real estate. These various business ventures, conducted with strict regard to honorable methods, have brought to him an excellent financial return and he is now in very comfortable circumstances. He is the owner of the post-office building in Madison, the old homestead which has been in possession of the family for many generations, and the farm upon which he now resides, comprising one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, which yields to him a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it.

Mr. Johnson was married November 28, 1884, to Miss Mary D. Williams, of Brooklyn, New York, a daughter of Edward F. and Mary Williams, who were of Huguenot lineage. Mr. Williams was an extensive ship-builder in Brooklyn and constructed a number of the monitors used by the government, among them the fleet commanded by Admiral Porter during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Marion Lum and Hazel.

Mr. Johnson is a warm friend of the cause of education and for four years has been a member of the school board, during which time he has exerted his official prerogative for the furtherance of the school interest, and his labors have not been wtihout beneficial results. He has also been district clerk of the board for two years, has been a member of the township committee and in 1897 was elected treasurer of the committee. In his political associations he is a Republican and in religious belief is a Methodist, both he and his wife holding membership in the church at New Providence.

THE COOPER FAMILY OF MORRIS COUNTY.

About the year 1700 the first American ancestor of this family came from Holland, and a few years afterward one of the number located on Long Hill, in Passaic township, Morris county. One of the early descendants, Daniel Cooper, married Grace Runyan and lived in Passaic valley, where he was a leading man, a justice of the peace and county judge. He located on a tract of five hundred acres along the banks of the Passaic river from Sterling to Long Hill, his deed being signed by William, earl of Sterling and one of His Majesty's commissioners in the state of New Jersey. His son, also named Daniel, was a sheriff of this county, became very prominent and moved from Passaic valley to Long Hill, where he bought a very large tract of land, which is still owned by the Cooper family or other descendants. He had the following named sons: Peter, Dr. John, of eastern Pennsylvania, Daniel, William and Joseph. Peter died on the old homestead, on Long Hill, after bringing up two sons; William died in 1880; and Alexander is still living on the old homestead. William was married first to Sarah A. Cooper, next to Martha Brown and lastly to Martha Cross, and he was the father of Mrs. Joseph W. Thompson, who now lives on the old homestead; Alexander married Abigail Parrott and had five children,—William, Abraham, Mrs. Elizabeth Travis, of Newark, Mrs. Anna Flaker, of Brooklyn; and the youngest, at home.

JOSEPH W. THOMPSON.

The Thompsons first located at Mendham, Morris county, about one hundred and fifty years ago. Candon Thompson, the father of Joseph W., was born in Mendham, March 4, 1824, grew up in the county, became a blacksmith and has passed nearly all his life at Basking Ridge, Somerset county. He married Margaret Voorhes and has had the following named children: Joseph W., whose name heads this sketch; Louis A., born July 19, 1845,

who lives in Somerville, and has served three terms in the state senate, of which he was president one term, is a Republican and active in public affairs; Mrs. Anna M. Dunham, of Morris county; Amy, wife of R. C. Reynolds, of Basking Ridge; Kate, unmarried and still at her parental home; Francis E. and Mary, both of whom died young.

The family have always been connected with the Presbyterian church, in which the father is active, having served as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Joseph W. Thompson was born April 17, 1842, at Basking Ridge, and passed his early life there, ending his school days at the high school. In 1869 he became a clerk in a dry-goods store in Morristown, and acceptably filled that position for fifteen years; and since then he has been engaged in the insurance business in New York city, being connected with the firm of Thompson & Bellows, insurance brokers. About five years ago he moved from Morristown to the old homestead on Long Hill, which place he has helped to beautify by the erection of several nice residences. He is one of the most enterprising men in the southern part of Morris county. Is a Republican, active in public affairs.

For his wife he married Margaret M. Cooper, the only daughter of William and Margaret (Brown) Cooper, born at the old homestead there August 15, 1852. They have two children,—William C. and Florence M., both of bright and vigorous intellect.

ALLEN M. HUNTER.

Allen M. Hunter, of Succasunna, New Jersey, is one of the substantial farmers and extensive land-owners of his locality. He represents one of the old American families that has been identified with this section of the country since colonial days. His great-grandfather, Captain Elijah Hunter, was a distinguished officer of the colonial army in the war of the Revolution, and was entrusted with much important service. Born in Newcastle, New York, in 1749, he was early placed in the store of Gilbert Drake, where he thoroughly learned the mercantile business and won promotion by his fidelity to duty and his marked business ability. Some years later he married Miss Anna Drake, a daughter of his employer, and afterward removed to Bedford, New York, where he enjoyed a prosperous mercantile career. At the beginning of hostilities which brought to the nation her independence, he joined the colonial army, and throughout the whole of that conflict fought bravely for independence, participating in many important engagements. He was in Colonel Holmes' campaign, taking part in the battle of White Plains, and his distinguished and meritorious service won him many military honors. In the

histories of those times he is mentioned as lieutenant and captain, and he also figured prominently in various public affairs relating to the general welfare. He was chosen to present to the general committee of Westchester county, New York, a petition from a sub-committee of Bedford and Poundridge, praying for protection against the enemy who were devastating that section, by carrying off stock, and even some of the settlers, and jeopardizing the lives of all. He is mentioned in the Colonial History of the State of New York, volume 15, as "Elijah Hunter, captain of the second battalion," and in the Calendar of Historical Manuscripts of New York state mention is made of the granting of "a warrant to Elijah Hunter, second lieutenant," while in the same volume there appears an account of his being chosen a member of the committee for Westchester county to serve from May, 1776, until May, 1777. These committees were formed for the furtherance of the interests of the followers of liberty,—a measure providing for the transaction of business, the care of the poor, the payment of debts and the protection of the people, and the appointment of Mr. Hunter indicated the prominent position he held in the community. Many times the name of this honored patriot appears on the pages of the histories of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods, and after the war he was no less prominent in public affairs. In 1785 he purchased a large tract of land at Sing Sing, New York, and became one of the founders of that town. He had several sons and one daughter, but the latter died in early womanhood. His death occurred in 1815.

Others of the family have become very prominent in different walks of life. The Hunters are of the same lineage as that of Sir Francis Drake, and by marriage became connected with a lineal descendant of Sir William Wallace. General Robert Hunter was governor-general of New York and contiguous colonies, by appointment of the English crown, during the period when Great Britain held sway over the section of our country bordering the Atlantic. By ties of blood and marriage the Hunters were also connected with Presidents Edwards and Burr, of Princeton; Governor Dickinson, of New York; Chief Justice Chase, and the Greenes and Garners of the same state. N. D. Hunter became a very prominent citizen and business man of Louisville, Kentucky, and the family is now represented there by three of his sons, who are leaders in commercial circles.

Ezra Hunter, the grandfather of our subject, died in the spring of 1806, at the age of thirty-two, leaving a widow and two sons and a daughter. Before her marriage, Mrs. Hunter was Miss Thew, and in connection with her father she owned many thousands of acres of land bordering Thew's Pond, now known as Rockland Lake. Her two sons, A. T. and William A., were both graduated at medical colleges aud attained considerable eminence in their chosen calling.

The former, Dr. A. T. Hunter, the father of our subject, was born in Sing Sing, New York, and for many years was a resident of St. John's Square, New York city, in which locality he gained an enviable reputation as a skilled physician. He married the daughter of an Irish refugee, John Morrison, who, during the Rebellion of 1798, fled to the United States in company with a brother of the martyred Emmett. Dr. Hunter died of cholera in 1849, leaving to his heirs a large estate. His children, in order of birth, are as follows: John Morrison, who was a leading and influential citizen of Morristown; Elizabeth, wife of T. H. Butterworth; Catherine S., Susan M., Allen M., and Adaline M., who is the widow of A. S. Gibbs and resides in Marietta, Georgia.

Allen M. Hunter was educated at West Point, New York. At the time of the discovery of gold in California he was an ambitious and enterprising young man, and with the desire of acquiring a fortune on the Pacific slope he joined a number of other young men in the purchase of a vessel, the barque Griffin, in which they made the voyage around Cape Horn to the new El Dorado. During the long trip they made but one stop, that being at the island of Juan Fernandez, where they took on a supply of fresh water, and where Mr. Hunter slept in the cave made famous by De Foe's "Robinson Crusoe." After a long voyage of six months, they landed at San Francisco, then merely a row of shanties along the beach. Some of the members of the crew had made the trip through a love of adventure and sport as well as for gold, and spent some time in hunting in the locality where now stands the city of Oakland. The entire country was then covered with a forest of live oaks and abounded in various kinds of game, so that the followers of Nimrod had excellent opportunity to indulge their taste. Here the party, of which Mr. Hunter was a member, lost their way, and for three days they wandered about through the forests, suffering greatly from anxiety and lack of food and water, but eventually found their way to camp again. From the sea-coast Mr. Hunter made his way to Sacramento, and while out on another hunting expedition was severely poisoned by tree ivy, which rendered his hands useless for some time. Later, while still in that locality, he lost all of his belongings in the memorable flood which occurred in the '50s. This circumstance, added to his former disasters and hardships, created in him a longing to return to "the states;" and, following a suggestion of Congressman Halstead, whom he met while a guest at the first noted hotel in Sacramento, he was enabled to secure the means whereby he could return to New York. By way of the isthmus of Panama he made the return trip, and in due course of time arrived safely in his native state.

He then traveled through the eastern states to some extent, but finally, in 1855, located in Succasunna, New Jersey, where he has since made his

home, successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising. He has acquired a large amount of property and is now one of the extensive land-owners of Morris county. His business interests have been carefully directed, and his enterprise and industry have been crowned with a well merited prosperity.

In his political associations Mr. Hunter is a Democrat and warmly advocates the principles and policy of the party. In the capacity of delegate he has rendered good service to his party, has been a delegate to both county and state conventions, and has endeavored to aid the Democracy in wise statesmanship and the direction of moral issues. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Episcopal church, and in the latter has served as trustee and steward.

SAMUEL S. WILLS.

This highly esteemed resident of Stanhope was born near this place in September, 1865, and traces his ancestry back to Daniel Wills, a native of England, who came to this country with William Penn. He was a physician by profession and had one son, John Wills, who became deputy surveyor of the western division of New Jersey, and under the proprietary act located various tracts of land, one of them comprising seven hundred and fourteen acres, lying on the west side of the north branch of the Raritan, near Ledell's mill, at Ralston. The southern portion of this tract is owned by J. R. Nesbit and a niece. John Wills had three sons, Thomas, John and James. The last named inherited the farm of seven hundred and fourteen acres at Ralston and spent his entire life on that property. He was not a soldier of the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution, but furnished supplies to the troops and did other service which effectually promoted the cause of independence. His family numbered five daughters and three sons, the latter being James, Samuel and Thomas. Of this family the last named had two sons, John and James.

John Wills, the elder, was the grandfather of our subject. He married Jane Seward, daughter of John Seward, who was a grandson of Colonel John Seward, one of the patriots of the Revolution, who fought on many a battlefield for the liberty of this nation. John and Jane (Seward) Wills were the parents of John Seward Wills, the father of our subject. He was born in Mount Olive township, in 1835, and became one of the best known men in Morris county. He became very prominent both in business and political affairs, and soon after the organization of the Republican party allied himself with the movement and was one of its leaders in his section of the state. For many years he was a member of the Republican county committee and was an important factor in planning the campaigns and promoting the work

of the party. He had the utmost confidence of his political associates and his counsel carried great weight in the party conventions. He was absolutely reliable, loyal to his friends, and true to every trust, whether public or private, that was reposed in him. He married Miss Margaret A. Turner, a daughter of George D. Turner, and in 1888 passed to the eternal life. They were the parents of five children—Samuel S., M. L., John, Edwin T. and Elnora.

Samuel Sayre Wills spent his childhood upon his father's farm, and pursued his elementary education in the schools of Hackettstown, New Jersey, after which he went to Easton, Pennsylvania, where his education was completed. On laying aside his text-books in 1887, he resumed farming on the old homestead and continued to engage actively in the cultivation of the land until 1897, when he rented his farm and turned his attention to the operation of the Andover gristmill, of which he is the proprietor. He is a progressive, enterprising young business man, altogether practical, and it is indeed creditable that much of his success has resulted from his judicious management.

On the 9th of December, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wills and Miss Mary E. Jones, a daughter of A. M. Jones, and the young couple hold an enviable position in social circles, for their friends in the community are many. Mr. Wills is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a broad-minded man who has gained that culture and experience which only travel can bring. He has crossed the continent of North America from east to west, visited many of the places of interest in the Mississippi valley and the east, and has crossed the Atlantic to the Old World, traveling through England, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. He also visited the island city of Venice, the ruins of Rome and many of the historic places of the old Byzantine empire. His mind, well stored with reminiscences of his travels, makes him a genial companion, and he is regarded as one of the popular citizens of Stanhope.

JAMES HART.

Mr. Hart, one of the leading florists of the east, may be termed the pioneer florist of New York city, having established a wholesale business there nearly three decades ago, which he still conducts, operating at the same time a similar business in Madison, New Jersey. It is of specific importance, therefore, that more than a passing mention be made of him in this work, and to a *résumé* of his life we now turn.

James Hart is of Irish birth and parentage. He was born in county Galway, Ireland, in the year 1841, and there passed his youth and early man-

hood. On leaving school, he engaged in work in a hot-house, and in this line of business he has ever since continued. He worked in the principal greenhouses in the Emerald Isle, remaining there until 1865, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his abode in America, thinking to better his condition here; and in this he has not been disappointed. For five years he was employed in different hot-houses in this country before he embarked in business for himself, which he did in 1870. It was at that time that he established his wholesale business in New York city. He was the first to put on the market the rose named American Beauty. Also he propagated and put on the market the Mermaid and the rose known as the "Bride," an outgrowth of the Mermaid. Indeed, he has given special attention to rose culture, and with remarkable success.

When Mr. Hart established his business in New York city the florist dealers of that place could be easily counted; in the past thirty years the industry has grown to enormous proportions and the dealers are now numbered by the hundreds. Mr. Hart is not only the pioneer wholesale dealer, but in all these years has kept to the front in the rapid advancement made in the business. After several years of successful operation in New York, he came to Madison, New Jersey, and erected his extensive greenhouses, especially adapted to rose culture, and which constitute the largest establishment of its kind in this country. There are nine buildings, each two hundred feet long, six being twenty feet wide and three ten feet wide. He makes shipment of his plants to all parts of the country, and continuously employs a large force of hands. His city business in New York is located at No. 120 Thirteenth street, while his residence is in Madison, and each day he visits the metropolis in the prosecution of his business. He has a wife and eleven children,—four sons and seven daughters. His son John has charge of the New York business above referred to; the other three sons are James, William and Joseph.

HON. MAHLON DICKERSON.

Prominently identified as he was with the commercial and political interests of Morris county, Hon. Mahlon Dickerson will for years to come be remembered as a man whose beneficent influence extended throughout the state of New Jersey and who was conspicuous in his public life for his fidelity to the trusts reposed in him, and for his advocacy of any measure that would advance or improve the interests of the state. As a judge, a general, a member of the legislature, governor of New Jersey, a member of congress and secretary of the navy in the cabinet of President Andrew Jackson, he ful-

filled the duties of those incumbencies in a faithful, intelligent and circumspect manner and with a high degree of executive ability. As a private citizen he owned and worked the Succasunna iron mine, now known as the Dickerson mine. The following sketch of his life was prepared by Edmund D. Halsey, of Morristown, for another purpose, and is inserted here by permission.

Governor Mahlon Dickerson, of whose name it has been well said none have been more respected, honored and distinguished in New Jersey, was descended from the Puritan Philemon Dickerson, who emigrated from England early in the history of Massachusetts colony and who was among the freemen of Salem in 1638. In 1643 he purchased from the Indians a large tract of land on the north shore of Long Island and took up his residence at Southold. Here he died at the age of seventy-four, leaving two sons, Thomas and Peter.

Peter Dickerson, son of Thomas and grandson of Philemon, came to Morris county, New Jersey, in 1741, and on October 20, 1745, married his first wife, Ruth Coe, daughter of Joseph Coe. He was an ardent patriot and his house in Morristown was from the beginning of the difficulties with Great Britain a gathering place for those of a kindred mind. He took an active part in awakening and organizing the opposition to the acts of the British crown and on the 9th of January, 1775, he was appointed one of the "committee of observation" for Morris county. On the first day of May following he was elected a delegate to the provincial congress which met at Trenton the same month. February 7, 1776, he was commissioned captain of a company in the Third Battalion of the first establishment, and on the 29th of November following captain of a company in the Third Battalion of the second establishment. Both the companies he commanded were equipped at his private expense, and the money he so advanced stands to his credit this day at Washington, unpaid. He died May 10, 1780, in his fifty-sixth year. He had eight children by his first wife, one of whom, Esther, married Colonel Jacob Drake, who was also a delegate from Morris county to the provincial congress of 1775, and who was colonel of the western regiment of New Jersey militia until he resigned to become a member of the first assembly of New Jersey.

Jonathan Dickerson, the second child and oldest son of Peter, was born September 20, 1747 (O. S.), and on the 12th of October, 1768, was united in marriage to Mary Coe, daughter of Thomas Coe, by Rev. Timothy Johnes. Like his father, he took a prominent part in the politics of his county. He also displayed the talent for invention for which many of his descendants have been distinguished. The eleventh patent issued by our government, bearing the signature of Washington, was granted to him for an improved

water wheel. In 1783 he was a member of the state legislature from Morris county. The iron mines with which his region of the county abounded, and which have added so much to its wealth, were then little regarded. The rich ore bed now known as the Dickerson mine was originally returned by the proprietors of West Jersey in 1715 to John Reading, who a year or two afterward sold it to Joseph Kirkbride for a mere trifle, though the presence of the mineral was so well known even to the Indians that they called the neighborhood "Sukahsining," meaning black rock (magnetite), and usage has changed this to Succasunna. Jonathan Dickerson seems to have recognized its value, and in 1779 we find deeds to him from some of the Kirkbride heirs; and in partnership with one Minard Le Fevre he purchased the whole. He was not, however, successful in making a fortune from his speculation, and it remained for his son, Mahlon, who bought the property in 1807 from the heirs of his father and Le Fevre, to develop its wealth, and in his hands it yielded a handsome income, which made its owner independent.

Jonathan Dickerson died November 7, 1805, leaving six children: Mahlon, the oldest and the subject of this sketch; Silas; Mary, afterward the wife of David S. Canfield; Aaron, John B. and Philemon. His widow survived him many years and died March 1, 1827. She was buried with her husband at Succasunna.

Mahlon Dickerson was born at Morris Plains, near the State Hospital for the Insane, in Morris county, April 17, 1770. He probably fitted for college at Morristown, which at that time possessed a classical school. In the manuscript diary of Joseph Lewis, a wealthy gentleman of Morristown and clerk of the county, is this entry: "1786, Monday, 27th of November, Jonathan Dickerson's son (Mahlon) began to board at 7s. per week."

In 1789 Mahlon entered the American Whig Society at Princeton and graduated the same year at the College of New Jersey, in the same class with Dr. Hosack. He returned to Morristown and engaged in the study of law, and in November, 1793, was admitted to the bar of New Jersey. In the following year he accompanied Captain Kinney's cavalry company in the expedition sent to western Pennsylvania to suppress the whisky rebellion,—probably as an unattached volunteer, as his name does not appear in the list of that command. He was one of Governor Mifflin's aids during the expedition.

During the years 1795 and 1796 he was in active practice in his native county, his name frequently appearing in the minutes of the court. In the record of a case in the common pleas, July term, 1797, is the quaint entry that "Mr. Mahlon Dickerson, the attorney for the above plaintiff, having removed to foreign parts and having agreed that Alexander C. McWhorter be be substituted, &c., the court ordered the substitution be made." The "for-

eign parts" were in the city of Philadelphia, where he was admitted to the bar of Pennsylvania the same year, and where he entered the law office of John Milnor, afterward a distinguished clergyman of the Episcopal church. He was shortly afterward elected one of the common councilmen of Philadelphia, and in 1802 he was appointed by President Jefferson, of whom he was a devoted admirer, commissioner of bankruptcy. On January 1, 1805, Mr. Dickerson was appointed by Governor McKeon, adjutant-general of Philadelphia. His name also appears in the record as quartermaster-general. The title of "general" adhered to him through life, and even after his appointment as governor it was the one most generally given to him. His resignation of the position of adjutant-general was accepted July 22, 1805, and he was the same day appointed recorder of the city of Philadelphia. The latter office, he used to say, was more congenial to his tastes than any of the higher posts he was afterward called to fill. He resigned it, however, October 2, 1810, to return to Succasunna to develop the mineral property of which he had come into possession.

A very earnest and active member of the Republican party, then in the ascendancy, and of popular manners and sound legal attainments, his career in Philadelphia was a very successful one. He shared his prosperity with the other members of the family and assisted largely in the education of his younger brothers. His brother Aaron he enabled to graduate at Princeton in 1804, and assisted him in establishing himself in a fair practice in Philadelphia as a physician. The daughter of Dr. Aaron Dickerson is the widow of the late Attorney General Vannata, of New Jersey. His brother Silas was instantly killed January 7, 1807, at Stanhope, New Jersey, his great coat catching a screw in a rapidly-sevolving axle and drawing him into some machinery for making nails which he was having erected. Philemon, the youngest brother, after his graduation studied law with the General in Philadelphia and succeeded him as judge of the United States district court of New Jersey. He was also governor of New Jersey and one of its congressmen. His son, Edward M. Dickerson, is one of the most prominent patent lawyers of New York city.

Returning to New Jersey, General Dickerson was not permitted to remain in private life, but in the three following years, 1811, 1812 and 1813, he was as many times successively elected a member of the state assembly from Morris county. The legislature of 1813 met October 26th, and four days afterward Hon. William S. Pennington resigned his position as third justice of the supreme court, and Mr. Dickerson was the same day appointed to fill the vacancy and was also appointed reporter of the court. He declined the latter office, however, on the 9th of February following. At the joint meeting of the legislature to elect a United States senator, Novem-

ber 3, 1814, his name was mentioned and he received a flattering vote. No choice was made at this meeting, and at the next, held in February, Mr. Dickerson's name was withdrawn and Hon. James J. Wilson was elected. At the joint meeting held October 26th, 1815, he was unanimously elected governor of New Jersey, and was re-elected to that high office without opposition October 28, 1816.

He resigned the gubernatorial chair February 1, 1817, having been elected on the 23d of the previous month United States senator for the six years beginning March 4, 1817. So satisfactory was his course in the senate to the people of this state that on November 1, 1822, he was elected his own successor for another six years, without opposition. His term of office expired March 6, 1829. His previous election had been during the "era of good feeling," but before the last term expired the strife between Jackson, Clay, Adams and Crawford had begun. He had allied himself closely to the cause of "Old Hickory" and the legislature to choose his successor was strongly Whig. At the joint meeting, which assembled January 30, 1829, the resignation of Ephraim Bateman, the other senator from New Jersey, was sent in by the governor and was accepted by a vote of only twenty-nine to twenty-seven, those voting in the negative being mostly Whigs. The meeting then proceeded first to elect a senator to fill the vacancy caused by this resignation. The names of Theodore Frelinghuysen and Joseph W. Scott were brought forward, but withdrawn with the understanding that they were to be candidates for the long term. The names of Samuel L. Southard, William D. Ewing, William N. Jeffers, Mahlon Dickerson and Garret D. Wall were mentioned for the short term. The Whigs, though having a majority of the meeting, were divided between Southard, the popular secretary of the navy under Adams, and Ewing, the chairman of the meeting. Ten calls of the meeting were had without result. Mr. Southward's vote varied from twenty to twenty-five, and Mr. Ewing's from eight to thirteen, the Democrats voting for Dickerson and Wall or for Dickerson alone. After the tenth ballot Hon. Stacey C. Potts offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this joint meeting the Honorable Samuel L. Stouthard is not an inhabitant of the state of New Jersey, and therefore not eligible to the office of senator in the congress of the United States under the third article of the constitution of the United States, and that his name be withdrawn from the list of nominations."

For this resolution all the Democrats and six of the Ewing men voted, and it was carried by a vote of twenty-nine to twenty-six. This made the friends of Mr. Southard so indignant that eight of them cast their votes for Mr. Dickerson, who was elected on the next ballot but one, by a vote of twenty-eight for him, twenty-three for Ewing and two for Wall. Mr.

Frelinghuysen was chosen immediately after for the long term by a vote of thirty-five against twenty-one for Mr. Scott.

In the organization of the senate in the following December, Governor Dickerson was made chairman of the committee on manufactures,—a position he was eminently qualified to fill. He was an ardent supporter of the tariff, and agreed with the president in protecting American industry, so far as legislation could do it. Examining the proceedings of the senate during the time he was a member, it will be seen that the subject seldom failed to bring him to his feet. All, or nearly all, of his published speeches were on this subject. Though not as brilliant or as eloquent as many of his associates, he was scarcely less influential in legislation, through his familiarity with his subject, which close study and earnest application gave him.

The affection of his constituency in New Jersey for him never wavered. At a meeting of the Jackson members of the legislature in April, 1832, the resolution was adopted "that we recommend our fellow citizen, Mahlon Dickerson, as a suitable candidate to be supported by the delegation of New Jersey (for vice-president) in convention, and that they be requested to present his name as the first choice of New Jersey." Nor was his name mentioned only by those of his own state: the Jackson men throughout the country favored his nomination as a fit successor to Calhoun, who had become alienated from them. At this junction Mr. Van Buren's rejection as minister to England by the senate made his vindication seem necessary to his party, and they resolved to make him vice-president. Mr. Dickerson warmly seconded this resolution, and withdrew his own name from the canvass. In all the political struggles of the day and the various combinations of parties and cliques which characterized that period he adhered most strenuously to the principles and policies of Jackson, and possessed his constant friendship. His term of United States senator expired in March, 1833, and in the fall of that year he was elected by the people of the county to represent them in the legislative council of the state.

On the 20th of May, 1834, he was nominated by the president as minister to Russia, and the appointment was confirmed by the senate on the 26th. It is said he was persuaded by Mr. Van Buren to decline this position and remain in this country to further his (Mr. Van Buren's) plans for the presidency. Let this be as it may, the position was declined and the president shortly after sent his name to the senate as secretary of the navy, to succeed Mr. Woodbury, and the appointment was confirmed by the senate on the 30th of June. He continued to occupy this place in the cabinet during the remaining years of Jackson's term and during the first two years of Mr. Van Buren's. He resigned his seat in 1838 and again retired to private life.

While he was in office the difficulty in Boston harbor in regard to the

figure head of Jackson upon the ship Constitution occurred. The modern effigy, half sawn in two, and the correspondence in relation to it are still in possession of the governor's family. On the 30th of January, 1835, when crazy Lawrence attempted to assassinate Jackson in the capitol, Dickerson was walking with the president in the procession and shared his danger. He was one of the principal witnesses in the trial which followed.

In September, 1840, he was appointed by Mr. Van Buren judge of the United States district court for the state of New Jersey, to succeed Judge Rossell. He held the office but about six months, when he resigned (in 1841) and was succeeded by his younger brother, Philemon, who held the position many years.

In 1844, when the constitution of his state, framed amid the confusion of the Revolutionary war and in great haste, had proved itself ill adapted to the wants of the state, Mr. Dickerson was selected by the citizens of Morris county to represent them in convention, where his judicial training and practical good sense made him a valuable member.

In 1846 and 1847 General Dickerson was president of the American Institute, and in the minutes of the proceedings of that body, October 5, 1846, and October 5, 1847, may be found two addresses delivered by him, which are characteristic. The reader is not left in doubt as to what the speaker thought of protection, and in the closing sentence of one he speaks of free trade as "a system as visionary and impractical as the everlasting and universal pacification of the world."

He was admitted an honorary member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society March 7, 1848.

After his retirement from public life the General spent the remainder of his days at the handsome residence which he erected about 1844 near his mine, among the mountains of Randolph. His windows commanded a view of one of the finest sections of his state, and his large private library afforded him constant amusement when his business gave him leisure. On the garden and grounds about his house he lavished much time and money, planting trees and shrubs of every variety attainable. He was never married but made his home with his nephew, Frederick Canfield, whose tastes for the natural sciences were akin to those of his uncle and whose interesting family made his last years comfortable and happy.

He died at his home on the 5th of October, 1853, the immediate cause of his death being a heavy cold, coming during the general breaking up of the system by reason of old age, hastened, perhaps, by a stroke of paralysis, which came upon him the year before. He was buried in the church-yard on Succasunna Plains, where a plain monument marks his grave, bearing the inscription, "Mahlon Dickerson, son of John and Mary Dickerson. Born

April 17th, 1770, died October 5th, 1853. His biography is written in the legislative, executive and judicial records of his country. Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

General Dickerson was of fine personal appearance, standing six feet two inches high and showing the possession of a sound, rugged constitution. He was a hard student, devoting himself assiduously to the mastery of every subject he had to deal with. Nothwithstanding the time taken by his business, public and private, he found opportunity to master several languages and attain distinction as a botanist. He was eccentric in some respects and regardless of his personal appearance. A little incident illustrative of this trait, as well as his care for others, is worth relating. While living in Philadelphia a tailor brought to him a pair of pantaloons which by a mistake in the measure proved entirely too short. He was unwilling to throw them on the hands of the luckless tradesman, but had them pieced out at the bottom and wore them so!

He was a man of the highest integrity, having the very spirit of honesty. At one time he paid his men in the bills of a bank which shortly after suspended, before the men had used their money. He at once called in the worthless currency, redeemed it with good, and stood the loss himself. At another time he paid a workman a trifle less than was due him, but the man, supposing he had been overpaid, quietly left the neighborhood with what he supposed was his employer's money. The General, discovering his own mistake, pursued the man on horseback for several miles until he overtook him. Here he lectured him on his dishonest purpose and then paid him the trifle still due him!

He was not a professor of religion, but respected those whom he believed were religious. It is said that on one occasion, when some persons at his table were speaking slightingly of religion and lightly of the inconsistencies of religious people, he called their attention to an excellent lady, known to them all, the widow of his brother Silas, with the remark that there was one person at least whose piety was unquestioned. The remark was so just that it concluded the talk on that subject.

None of the decisions rendered by him while on the supreme-court bench of New Jersey are found in the reports, there being very few cases of any kind reported at that time. He no doubt contributed to the newspapers of the day, but, otherwise than this and his reported speeches while in the senate, he left no published work behind him. At the time of his death obituary notices were published in many of the state papers, perhaps the best in the Trenton True American and the Newark Daily Advertiser. Short sketches of his life may be found in the Biographical Encyclopedia of New Jersey, in Drake's Biographical Dictionary and in several other com-

pendiums of biography. Several excellent portraits have been preserved of him in the Dickerson family, and a small engraving has been taken from one of them.

Sincere in his professions and unyielding in his convictions of right, generous and faithful in his friendships and consistent in his political faith, his unbroken popularity for so many years among the people he represented can easily be accounted for. Few lives present so constant a succession of political services, and seldom have political honors been more worthily bestowed.

SAMUEL DAVIS.

Samuel Davis, of Port Oram, superintendent of the Mount Hope Mineral Railroad Company, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, near Hazleton, November 5, 1841, a son of Noah and Margaret (Guinn) Davis. The father was a baker by trade and followed that business for a number of years. Our subject spent his boyhood days at Catasauqua, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, where he attended the common schools until his twelfth year, after which he devoted his energies to the labors of the farm until his sixteenth year. He then began learning the trade of a machinist, under the direction of Hopkin Thomas, who was a pioneer locomotive engineer in the coal regions of the Keystone state, and the first to introduce that power in the coal mines. Mr. Davis continued in the mines in the employ of one company for twenty-five years, after which he entered the employ of the Carbon Iron Company, at Parryville, Carbon county, Pennsylvania, having charge of the machinery under the supervision of James Thomas, a son of Hopkin Thomas, until 1871.

In July of that year Mr. Davis went south with the James Thomas Company to Irondale, Jefferson county, Alabama, where he was employed in connection with the mining interests until 1873. Returning to the Lehigh valley he spent one year with the Thomas Iron Company, and in March, 1875, he was transferred to Port Oram, Morris county, where he has since continued in the employ of the Mount Hope Railroad Company, having charge of the shops and machinery. In 1884 he was promoted to the position of superintendent and has since served in that capacity with marked fidelity to his employers' interests and in a manner which also displays his ability as a manager.

In April, 1865, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss America Sheats, of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Mary A. (Harris) Sheats. They are now the parents of six children: Harvey J., who is filling the position of master mechanic at Homestead, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania;

Mary A., at home; Noah, foreman of a machine shop and carriage factory near Pittsburg; Harriet F., a stenographer for the Mount Pleasant Mining Company, at Port Oram; Samuel, who is in the employ of the McIntosh and Hemphill Company, of Pittsburg; and Mary, a student in the State Normal School, at Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Davis is a stanch Republican in his political views and has served as a member of the common council of Port Oram. He belongs to the Prohibition lodge of Knights and Ladies and is also a member of Randolph Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Bethlehem Encampment, No. 130. He and his wife are consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is now serving as class-leader. He takes a very active part in Sunday-school work, is one of the teachers in the school and does all in his power to promote the cause of Christianity among the people with whom his lot has been cast. He has a good residence and other property in Port Oram, and is held in high esteem by neighbors and friends.

JONATHAN FORD.

There was in the life of Jonathan Ford much that is worthy of emulation. He was a native of Brown county, New York, and in early manhood was graduated at Williams College. For some years thereafter he devoted his energies to educational work, having charge of an academy in Hudson, New York. In 1847 he went to Wisconsin, where he was engaged in the book and stationery business for a time, after which he filled the position of superintendent of the public schools of Milwaukee. In 1869 he removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent his remaining days. There he engaged in the insurance business and met with success in his undertakings.

As his financial resources increased, his benevolence grew. He was very prominent in religious work, especially in that practical department of church work which comprises the visiting of the sick in public hospitals and the work house, and the holding of services for the inmates. He also furnished many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the unfortunate inmates, and would often procure the release of those whom he deemed worthy. He gave freely to those in need of assistance and always had a kindly word of sympathy and encouragement for the down-hearted or distressed. He is said to have borne a striking resemblance to Horace Greeley in personal appearance, —a resemblance that was carried out in his large-heartedness and charity. His simplicity of Christian character, his freedom from ostentation, his benevolence and his humanity endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Almost seventy-five years were allotted to him,—years which he

improved in the best possible way, leaving to his daughter, the only survivor of his family—the priceless heritage of a good name. His wife died a few years previous to his demise, and his only son had also passed away.

THOMAS MARTIN.

This well known business man of Morristown was born about sixty years ago in Warren county, New Jersey, his parents being Thomas and Mary (Caskey) Martin. He had four sisters, of whom Jane married Edward C. Moore and subsequently died, leaving two sons, Dr. John Moore, of Deckertown, New Jersey, and Thomas Moore, a lawyer of Passaic, also this state; Ann Martin married Ira C. Moore, of Newton, and is now deceased; Sarah C. Martin became the wife of John T. Stewart and died, leaving one son, Thomas N., a druggist of Asbury Park, New Jersey. The parents of our subject departed this life when he was a child.

Thomas Martin was educated in Hackettstown, New Jersey, and upon attaining his majority he went west, locating at Omaha, Nebraska, where he engaged in the drug business, successfully continuing in that line of enterprise for the ensuing twenty years, after which he disposed of his interests and in 1878 returned to New Jersey. He took up his residence in Morristown, where he embarked in the grain and coal business and his efforts in that line of endeavor have been attended with most satisfactory results. He is a progressive business man, a public-spirited citizen and a pleasant gentleman, quiet and unassuming in his demeanor. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought or held public office.

Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth L. Field, a daughter of Gabriel Field and a representative of an old and prominent family of New Jersey, and two children have been born to them,—Ettie V. and Edgar F. Mr. Martin and his family are consistent members of the First Presbyterian church of Morristown, and give to its works a liberal support.

JOSEPH VAN PELT BARTLES.

This citizen of Pottersville, Washington township, Morris county, is a representative of one of the old families of Hunterdon county, and is a son of Henry P. Bartles, who was born at New Germantown, New Jersey. His life was devoted largely to agricultural pursuits, and he was quite successful in his earlier and more vigorous years, but in later life he met with reverses and died, in 1844, rather poor in purse, but rich in friends and in the respect of the community. His father was Andrew Bartles, a Hunterdon county farmer, and his father-in-law was Joseph Van Pelt, one of the heroes of the

Revolution, who died in 1832. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Susan Van Pelt, had two children, Joseph Van Pelt, who was born August 25, 1822, and Deborah, deceased wife of Samuel H. Pickle.

Mr. Bartles, of this sketch, acquired his education in the schools of New Germantown, Pottersville and Parker. In his early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a time, and in 1847 he located on his present farm, while for fifty years he has had few interests not connected with the old homestead. All that he has achieved in his business life results from his own labors and careful management.

In the year 1847 Mr. Bartles was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Wise, daughter of George Wise, and she is deceased. Her children were as follows: Elias P., a merchant of Pottersville, who married Jane Fisher; Horace H., a farmer of Washington township, who married Louisa Apgar, a daughter of Coonrod P. C. Apgar; Joseph, who wedded Elizabeth Teats; and Mary E., wife of George Rowe, of Hunterdon county. For his second wife Mr. Bartles chose Euphemia, daughter of Samuel G. Huffman, of Middle Valley. She died June 23, 1897, leaving a son, Samuel Bartles.

The subject of this review is a Democrat of the old school and in his earlier years was a recognized leader of his party in his community. He cast his first presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844 and has never but once failed to vote at the regular fall election, and that was in the autumn of 1892, when an injury prevented him from leaving home. He served his township as commissioner of appeals for many years and also did valuable service on the town committee.

DANIEL W. MATHEWS.

This prominent citizen of Berkshire Valley was born at Echo Lake, Passaic county, New Jersey, on the 22d of February, 1852. His father, Fred Mathews, spent his entire life in that county and was a farmer and charcoal burner. He died in 1861, at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife, Mrs. Mary (Struble) Mathews, departed this life in 1865, at the age of forty-eight years. Their children were as follows: William and Kate, both deceased; John of Echo Lake; Fred, who is living in Oak Ridge, New Jersey; Andrew and George, who reside on the old family homestead; Hannah, wife of Wilson Cook, of Paterson; Daniel W.; Edward, a resident of Butler; Emma, deceased; and Joseph, of Unionville, New York. The father of this family was twice married and the children of his first union were Silas, now a resident of Pompton Plains; Aaron, of Butler; Mary, wife of Mr. Trowbridge, of Stony Brook, New Jersey; and Amanda, wife of William Perry, of Paterson.

Reared upon a farm and familiar with its various duties from early childhood, Mr. Mathews, on nearing his majority, abandoned the plow for the anvil. He learned the trade of general blacksmithing at Newfoundland under the direction of Jacob Winters, and on completing his term of service located in Berkshire Valley, where he did his first work in April, 1873. He has since conducted his smithy there and has built up a wide reputation as an expert workman in the line of his chosen vocation. As a horse-shoer he has no superior and few equals in this region, and has in consequence received a liberal patronage which he well deserves.

Mr. Mathews was married in Butler, in June, 1874, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Ackerson, daughter of Jacob Ackerson, and their marriage has been blessed with a family of six children, who in order of birth are as follows: Augustus, who married Lue Brandon; Emma, Libbie, Frank, Edna May and Maud,—all at home.

Mr. Mathews' family were supporters of the Republican party, but after attaining his majority and carefully considering the political situation of the country he determined to give his support to the Democracy, believing that through that channel the best interests of the country would be promoted. His work on the election board has been his only public service of an official nature, but he is always found ready to discharge his duties of citizenship and support all measures which he believes are for the public good.

WILLIAM BOYD.

This exemplary citizen of Rockaway, living retired from business cares at his pleasant home, was at the time of his retirement one of the oldest railroad employes, in years of continuous service, in this part of New Jersey, having been thirty-nine years agent of the railroad company at this place, first under the management of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, commencing in 1849, and then under the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company, Sir Martin Peto the general superintendent, and finally under the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company.

Mr. Boyd was born near Andover, in Sussex county, September 16, 1822, a son of Thomas and Mary (Stockdower) Boyd, also natives of that county. The education he received was that afforded by the common schools of the time, wherein he pursued his studies until his twelfth year. He then began working for Colonel Joseph Jackson in the rolling-mill, and was there but a short time when in 1849 he entered the service of the Morris & Essex Railroad Company, as foreman and station agent, continuing in this position, without the loss of a single day, until the road was sold in 1888! He used

the first telegraph ever operated in Rockaway. Thus practically he has been employed only in two places in all his life-time!

He was married on the 24th of October, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Cooper, of Denville, New Jersey, a daughter of William and Anna (Cole) Cooper, who were natives of Morris county. Her grandfather, William Cooper, was a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd became the parents of five children, namely: Mary A., who became the wife of William Bryan and died leaving one daughter, named Lina Maude; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Bryan, of Springfield, Morris county, and has two children—Gussie and William H.; Rosena, who died at the age of five years; William Wallace, who died aged ten years; and Winfield Scott, who died when four years old.

Mr. Boyd casts his ballot independently of party ties, supporting the candidates whom he thinks best qualified for the office. He has served for two years as a member of the borough council of Rockaway, but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his energies to his business. He was also town committeeman for two years and trustee and collector of Rockaway for two years,—honors that were conferred upon him in recognition of his ability and fitness for the office. Although seventy-six years of age, Mr. Boyd is well preserved, and with a capital that he acquired through his own labors he spends his declining days in his pleasant home in Rockaway, surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. No one in the community is more widely known or has a larger circle of friends, and in the history of Morris county a place should be reserved for his life record. He retired to private life enjoying the utmost confidence of the railroad company and of all with whom he had any dealings. He has lived at his present home for fifty-two years.

ROBERT HAYCOCK.

The foreman of the cutting department of the Butler Hard Rubber Company, Robert Haycock, was born in Bloomingdale, New Jersey, on the 5th of July, 1860, a son of the late David Haycock, who spent his entire life in Bloomingdale and died there on the 21st of January, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hester Rose, was a daughter of Elisha Rose, and by their marriage they became the parents of four children: James, of Butler; Harriet, wife of Matthew Cody, of Wayne county, Pennsylvania; Robert, of Butler; and William, of Paterson.

Robert Haycock received but meager educational privileges, for on reaching his 'teens he began to earn his own livelihood and in consequence

his school days were thus ended. He secured a position as comb-sticker in the factory of the Rubber Comb and Jewelry Company and diligently applied himself to his work, mastering every detail of the business which was entrusted to his care. His faithfulness and industry won him the attention and consideration of those above him and as opportunity offered he was promoted. As he advanced he manifested the same thoroughness in becoming acquainted with his work, and as the result of his fidelity, when a vacancy occurred in the cutting department in 1883, he was chosen its chief and has since been retained in that position. Long service with any large corporation at once implies ability on the part of the employe and fidelity to the company's interests, and no higher testimonial of Mr. Haycock's work can be given than the statement that he has occupied his present position for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Haycock was married in Boonton, June 12, 1881, to Mary C., daughter of John Delazier, a farmer, who married Sarah M. DeBow, and died in July, 1896. The Delaziers are of Holland Dutch stock, while the DeBows are of French ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Haycock have eight children: Sarah, David, Raymond, Mary, Robert, Hester, Charlie and Claud A.

CHARLES C. FORCE.

This gentleman is one of the venerable and honored citizens of Madison, who having long since started out upon the journey of life has now passed the eightieth milestone. He is, however, still hale and hearty and personally superintends his business interests. Of one of the old families of New Jersey he is a representative. He was born in East Madison on the 4th of May, 1818, a son of William and Aletta (Carter) Force. His maternal grandfather, Captain Luke Carter, actively participated in the war of 1812. A grandson of our subject, William H. Force, Jr., took part in the Spanish-American war of 1898, as a New Jersey naval reserve on the United States steamship Badger, and the family has ever been noted for a loyal allegiance to American principles. The father of our subject was born near Madison, was a carpenter by trade, and died about the year 1867, while his wife passed away in 1842. They were the parents of seven children: Charles Carter, Priscilla, Ephraim, William, Juliet, Susan and Margaret Ann.

Charles Carter Force, whose name introduces this article, acquired his education in the schools of Madison, and at the age of sixteen began learning the machinist's trade. In 1842 he began business on his own account and for forty-six years has conducted his establishment, doing all kinds of iron work and blacksmithing. He has throughout this long period enjoyed

a liberal patronage, and at the age of four-score years still superintends the business. His methods are honorable and above question, and the excellence of his work has ever insured him a good trade.

Mr. Force was united in marriage to Miss Harriet F. Moore, and they have five children: William H., who is engaged in the hardware business in New York city and makes his home in Madison, wedded Mary B. Mead, by whom he has four children,—William H., C. Warren, Alfred W. and George M.; Anna M. is the widow of Charles Jurisch; Samuel W. makes his home in Green Village; and C. Frederick and the youngest daughter, Hattie E., are residents of Madison.

Mr. Force has long been a stanch Republican in his polical views and takes an active interest in the growth and success of his party. He has served as town committeeman and has held other local offices. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and his well spent life has ever been in harmony with his professions. In 1893 was celebrated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Force, who for a half century had traveled life's journey together, sharing with each other its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity. Loved and esteemed by all, they have the warm regard of all Madison's citizens, among whom they have made their home for so long a period.

WILLIAM H. BAKER.

This gentleman, who is one of the leading business men of Dover, was born at the old family homestead at Mount Pleasant, this county, October 3, 1851, a son of William Hedges Baker, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. For his education he attended the Mount Pleasant school and James Shies' private school at Newark, New Jersey. He began business life as a clerk in an office in New York city, and afterward was a clerk in the Dover post-office, under postmaster Alpheus Beemer, continuing as a faithful employee there for six or seven years. In 1874 he began mercantile business for himself, on the corner of Warren and Blackwell streets in Dover, where he has ever since carried on a prosperous trade. He built the Baker block and opera house, which are among the best buildings in the city. Until 1898 he used the main floor of the opera house for his store, and this year it became the rooms of the People's National Bank, in which Mr. Baker is a stockholder. Not only has he been a leading merchant but also a large property-holder and he has accomplished a great deal in building up his favorite city. He purchased the John W. Hurd farm between Dover and Port Oram, laid it out in lots, and improving over three miles of street way, and thus has prepared a nice residence district. Mr. Baker has been always

a leading factor in every local enterprise, devoting to it money, time and attention. Both as a merchant and leading citizen in the upbuilding of the community he has rare ability. In his politics he is a Republican, but he has never wanted office.

In 1898 he was united in matrimony with Miss Carrie E. Odell, of Logansport, Indiana, and they occupy a fine residence on Blackwell street, Dover.

WILLIAM AYRES.

William Ayres, of Dover, was born in Franklin, Rockaway, formerly Hanover township, Morris county, on the 15th of November, 1824. Tradition says that the Ayres family to which our subject belongs was founded by representatives of the name who emigrated from county Antrim, Ireland, in 1745, and located in Philadelphia. They were Scottish covenanters. To the same family William Ayres and his sons, the "5 A blanket" manufacturers, of Philadelphia, are supposed to be related, likewise Colonel Bucher Ayres, of that city, who died within the past year, and who was a son of William Ayres, a prominent lawyer and distinguished citizen of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, of which city he served as mayor. William seems to have been a popular family name, as it is borne by seven representatives of that branch of the family, as well as by a number who belong to the same branch as that of our subject.

The grandfather of William Ayres, of Dover, was Robert Ayres, for many years a resident of Morris county. He was born July 17, 1738, probably in Ireland, as the family did not come to America until 1745. He married Anna Jackson, who was born in Rockaway, Morris county, August 9, 1746, and was a daughter of Colonel Stephen Jackson. After their marriage they resided at Woodbridge, near Rahway, until about 1780, when they came to Rockaway. Not long afterward, however, they went to Wyoming, Pennsylvania, where they were living at the time of the great freshet, in which they lost everything they had. They then returned to Rockaway, traveling most of the way on foot and carrying their youngest child in their arms. Robert Ayres died about 1784, but his wife long survived him and for her second husband married Deacon David Beeman, of Rockaway. Unto Robert and Anna (Jackson) Ayres were born eight children, all natives of Woodbridge, Essex county, New Jersey. They were Elizabeth, born September 22, 1764; Jackson, who was born February 14, 1766, and removed to Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert, who was born December 28, 1767, and became a resident of New York city; William, who was born August 31, 1769, and made his home in Sparta, New Jersey; Joseph, who was born September 13, 1772,

and removed to New York city; Mary, who was born April 10, 1775, and became the wife of Samuel More, who resided near Morristown; Daniel, father of our subject; and Anna, who was born September 16, 1785, and was the wife of Henry Berry, the grandfather of S. H. Berry, of Dover, and of Rev. Charles Berry, of Caldwell, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry made their home near Dover.

Daniel Ayres, the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, May 29, 1778, and in his early life learned the shoemaker's trade, serving a seven-years apprenticeship. At the expiration of that period he had twenty dollars in cash and his knowledge of the business with which to aid him in life. He first married, December 14, 1800, Miss Hannah, daughter of David Garrigus. The last mentioned was a son of Jacob and a brother of the John Garrigus who was a grandfather of our subject. Hannah Garrigus was born January 26, 1783. By this marriage there were the following children: Anna, born November 14, 1803, and died May 25, 1892, survived by her husband, David Cooper, who is still living, aged ninety-seven years; Joseph Jackson, born February 14, 1806, married Phebe A. Losey, and died December 9, 1882; David Garrigus, born November 8, 1807, and married Angeline Oliver; Abigail, born February 20, 1810, and became the wife of Jonathan Oliver; and Hannah M., born January 6, 1812, and married, first, Bethuel Pierson and after his death Caleb Pierson. After the death of his first wife Mr. Ayres married, February 6, 1823, Miss Mary Garrigus, who was born August 27, 1783, and by this marriage there were the following children: William, our subject; and John, who was born August 28, 1826, and died August 4, 1897. Mrs. Mary Ayres was brought up to very industrious habits and became an expert in weaving cloth, carpets and the old-time checkered bed-spreads. This was at a period when it required a week's work at weaving to earn money enough, seventy-five cents, to buy one yard of calico! She was the eldest child of Deacon John and Elizaberh (Shipman) Garrigus, the former born June 30, 1760, and the latter November 7, 1757.

The name Garrigus is of French origin and was originally De la Garrigue; but on the emigration of the family to the New World it was Anglicized into its present form. The family was one of considerable distinction in France, and possessed a coat of arms, which was: Gules, three lions' heads, two, and one in a field argent. Huguenots in their religious belief, the members of the Garrigus family fled from France at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, tradition having it that they hastily left while their Catholic servants were cooking their dinner. They escaped with only a small portion of their personal effects, and in a small boat made their way to the island of St. Christopher. Rosanna Rosaquet, a descendant of the Bour-

bons of France, married a member of the Garrigus family. Representatives of the name finally located in Philadelphia, and Jacob Garrigus afterward came to Morristown, thus linking the family name with the history of this county. His son John, the grandfather of William Ayres, joined the colonial army at the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, and although but a boy served until independence was achieved, participating in the battle of Monmouth and other hard-fought engagements. He died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Daniel Ayres died in 1856, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife Mary, in 1875, aged ninety-two years. Soon after his first marriage he purchased a farm of ninety acres which was sold by William Ayres in 1896. Thus it was in possession of the family for over ninety years.

In taking up the personal history of William Ayres we present to our readers the life record of one who was long prominently connected with the business interests of Morris county, especially in agricultural and horticultural lines, and is now enjoying a well earned rest and an honored retirement from labor. Mr. Ayres acquired his preliminary education in the old academy of Morristown, now Lyceum Hall, where he pursued his studies until thirteen years of age under the direction of Stephen O. Querin. He was afterward for one term a student in the school which occupied the site of the present Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad depot. Reading, writing and arithmetic were there taught, also a modicum of grammar and geography. On putting aside his text-books he began work on the farm, but he thought the opportunities for acquiring property by that means were very poor, and accordingly he turned his attention in other directions.

When about eighteen years of age he began burning charcoal, which he carted to Newark, New York, Brooklyn and other cities. For some time he carried on that enterprise in connection with farming, but in 1848 abandoned the business and started westward. He went by way of Philadelphia, through Pennsylvania and down the Ohio river, then up the Mississippi to Rock Island, at which time the old Moline flour mills were operated by Spencer, Ainsworth & Damp. In their employ was a young man who was afterward to become very prominent in New York business circles as "Uncle Rufus Hatch." Mr. Ayres went up the Mississippi river to St. Paul and Minneapolis, then mere hamlets containing scarcely a dozen houses. He also visited St. Anthony's Falls and Fort Snelling. In the fall of 1849, in connection with O. P. Wilson, of Allamuchy, New Jersey, he purchased a farm and a flour and saw mill, about forty miles from Rock Island, Illinois, and on Christmas of that year started for New Jersey, in order to settle up some business, preparatory to locating permanently in the west; but on again reaching his native state, he found his parents in poor health, and was by them per-

suaded to remain. After sending a deed to his partner for the property in the west, he again began buying timber and making charcoal, which he hauled to Newark and other neighboring cities, continuing in that business for five years. He then sold wood and railroad ties and timber to the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, and to the Erie Railroad, at Paterson. Later he extended his field of operations to other lines by engaging in general farming and horticultural pursuits. He sold grain and hay, carried on the dairy business, and on an extensive scale cultivated apples, peaches, pears and other fruit. In each department of his business he found a profitable source of income, and continued to carry on farming and dealing in wood and timber until 1895. He had paid legacies and bought the interests of the other heirs and purchased more land until at one time he owned over five hundred acres. He erected new buildings and made many improvements. In 1896 he sold his farm and has since lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves, for his life has been one of great activity and industry.

On the 31st of December, 1854, Mr. Ayres was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Smith, of Rockaway township, Morris county. She was born September 16, 1831, and is a daughter of William Smith, whose father was Garrett Smith. Her mother bore the maiden name of Harriet Fisher, and was a daughter of Charles and Hannah Maria Fisher, who emigrated to America from Germany. Mrs. Smith was their eldest child and was born either in Germany or soon after the arrival of the family in America. They located near Dover, New Jersey, but a few years afterward went to Ohio, where the parents spent their remaining days. Garrett Smith lived and died on Pigeon Hill, near Dover, while William Smith died there about 1852, and his wife's death occurred there about 1895.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ayres have been born eight children, namely: George, born December 3, 1855; Emma, born July 6, 1857; Martha, born December 8, 1859; Mary, born February 20, 1861; Laurence, born August 18, 1863; Frank, born January 27, 1867; Amanda, born March 22, 1868, and Hattie, born July 19, 1869.

In his political views, Mr. Ayres is a Jeffersonian Democrat, and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, but has never sought or desired public office, his time being fully occupied by his business interests, in which he has met with excellent success. Although reared in the Presbyterian faith, he has never allied himself with any church, but in his life closely follows the golden rule of doing unto others as he would have them do to him; and surely this is the most comprehensive of all creeds. It has made him honorable in his business dealing, loyal in citizenship and faithful in friendship, and such a life cannot but command the respect and confidence of all.

TIMOTHY W. CRANE.

The old Crane homestead in Pinebrook, Montville township, Morris county, was the birth-place of Timothy Ward Crane, for many years a respected citizen of the community. His birth occurred August 4, 1811, his parents being Hon. Benjamin and Eleanor (Stiles) Crane. He spent the days of his childhood and youth on the old family homestead and received his mental training in the schools of the neighborhood. After attaining his majority he learned the woolen-weaver's trade but did not long pursue that occupation, his attention being devoted to farming in his native township. For a long period he carried on agricultural pursuits with excellent success, and at the age of fifty-five years retired from active business life and came to Boonton, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he richly deserved. His death occurred May 26, 1878, and the community thereby lost one of its best citizens. He was a consistent Christian man and took an active interest in church and Sunday-school work. He belonged to the old Presbyterian church of Parsippany, and when it was divided he was instrumental in securing the erection of the house of worship in Boonton, hauling from Parsippany most of the materials used in its construction. He served for many years as school trustee and was also one of the school trustees of the township, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. In politics he was a stalwart Democrat of the Jeffersonian type.

On the 12th of March, 1835, Mr. Crane married Jane Martin, and to them were born three children: Andrew Edgar, who was born March 8, 1836, married and removed to California; George Gibson, who was born September 28, 1837, and married Emma Van Riper, but is now deceased; and Rhoda Jane, who was born July 10, 1839, and is the wife of John Kinor, a resident of Hanover township, Morris county. The mother of this family died May 13, 1840, and on the 5th of August, 1841, Mr. Crane wedded Catharine Courter, by whom he had nine children: Benjamin Josephus, who was born August 23, 1842, and married Sarah Jacobus, their home being in Morristown; Newton Ward, now of Ventura county, California, who was born December, 17 1843, and married Ida Skelinger; Mary Elizabeth, who was born March 23, 1845, and died September 15, 1858; Marcus Martin; Sarah Catharine, who was born June 11, 1849, and is the wife of David Douglass, Jr., of Montclair, New Jersey; Louisa Ann, who was born September 18, 1851, and was twice married—after the death of her first husband, George Hunt, becoming the wife of Richard Cary, a prominent insurance man of Newark; Julia Matilda, who was born January 27, 1854, and died September 12, 1855; Timothy Wilson, who was born October 20, 1856,

married Lottie Dorr and died December 28, 1886, leaving one son; and Joseph Sutton, who was born August 22, 1859, and is now living in California. The mother still survives and makes her home with her son Marcus in Boonton, where she is widely known as a worthy and consistent Christian woman.

Marcus Martin Crane was born on the old family homestead, November 27, 1846, and remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, acquiring his education in the public schools. In 1866 he decided to start on an independent business career, and, leaving home, went to California, where he engaged in merchandising with excellent success. In 1870 he returned to the east, and, resuming his residence in Boonton, here opened a mercantile establishment in connection with his brother, Newton Ward. From the beginning they prospered in the undertaking and carried on operations for fifteen years. At the end of that time our subject purchased his brother's interest and has since been sole proprietor. The scope of the store has been extended until it is now a first-class department store, complete in every line. The proprietor is a very energetic and enterprising man, and is now enjoying a very extensive and profitable trade.

On the 5th of February, 1874, Marcus M. Crane was united in marriage in Little Falls, New Jersey, to Miss Mary F. Morrell, a daughter of William and Catharine Morrell, and they have three children: Bertha M., who was born December 31, 1879, and is a graduate of the Boonton high school and the organist in the Boonton Reformed church; Eva F., who was born June 3, 1884, and died August 19, 1885; and Marcus Ward, born November 22, 1886. The parents are members of the Reformed church and Mr. Crane succeeded his father in the office of elder, which position he has acceptably filled up to the present time. He is also a stanch Democrat, a leading business man and a prominent figure in social circles and public life, respected by all for his genuine worth and fidelity to duty.

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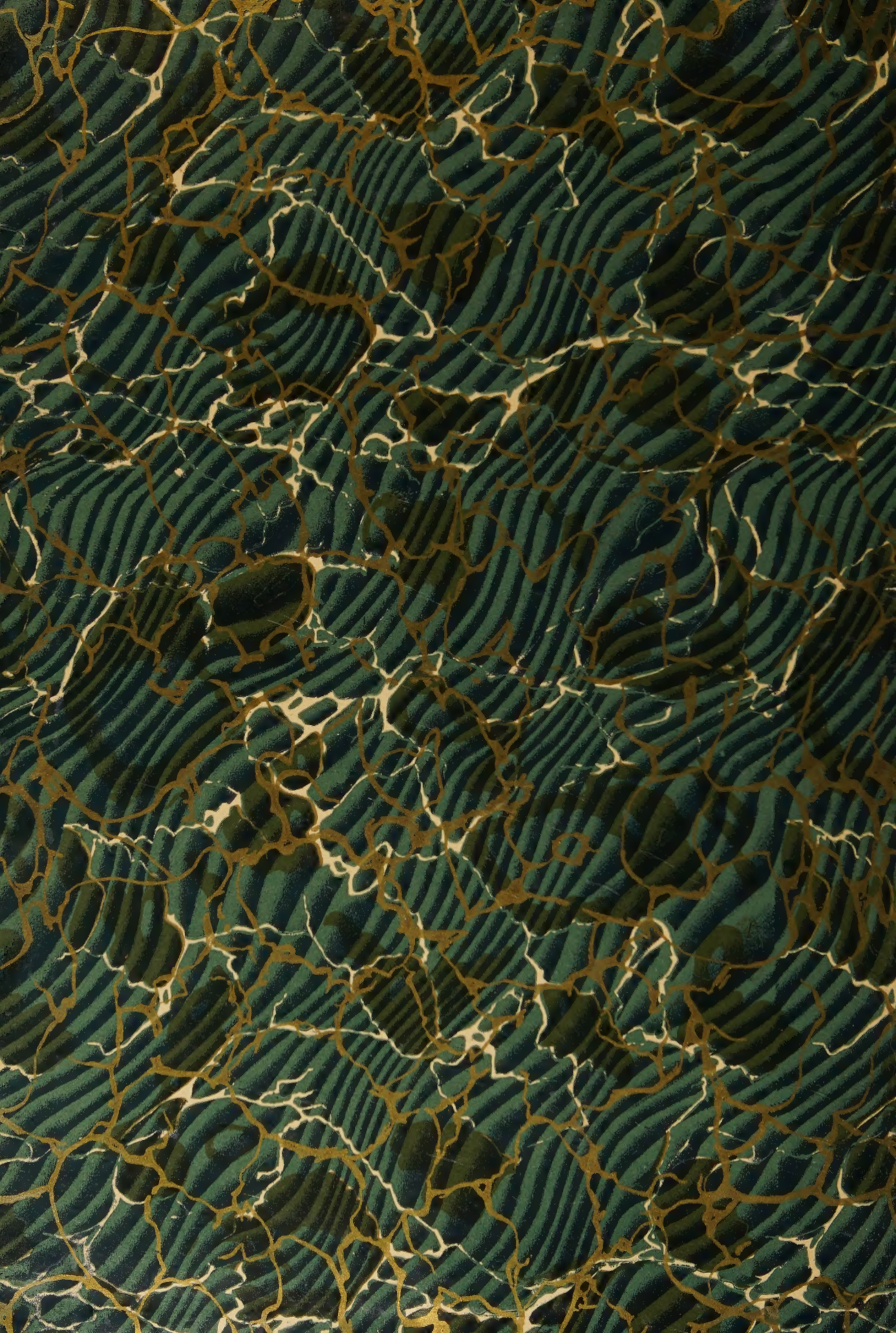

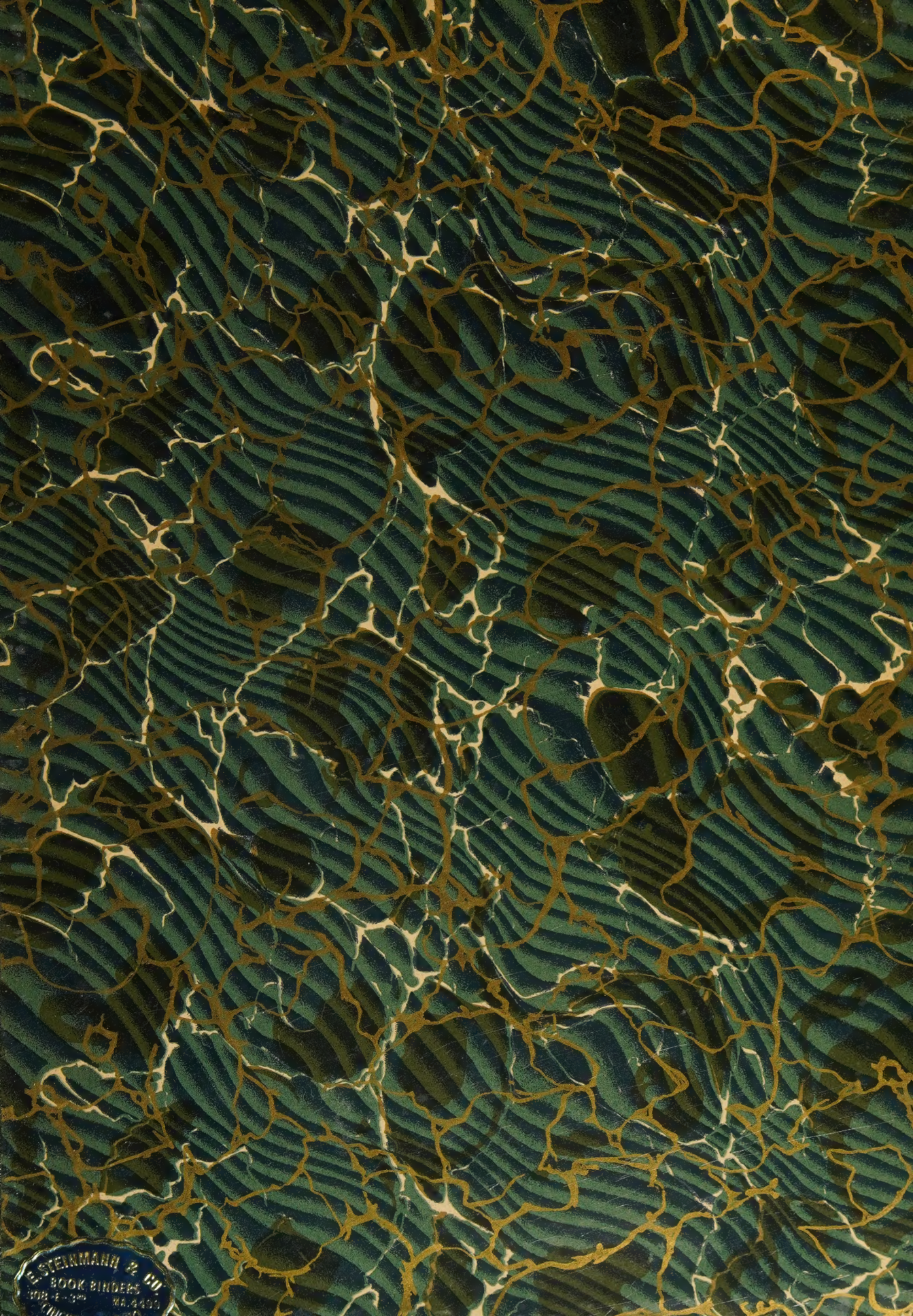
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